



Camp Rainbow

11-year-old Shelby Trahan fought cancer – and won. Now, she's off to camp.

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Bay photographer Sandra Clark looks at life in Mississippi, New Orleans, with a loving lens.

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Gaits to Success to host exhibition Sat.

Gaits to Success Therapeutic Horsemanship Center is having an exhibition of skills learned this summer. The exhibition is open to all this Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Valena C. Jones UMC fish & chicken dinner

Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church will host a fish & chicken dinner this Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Drummond's Complex on Old Spanish Trail across from the Bay St. Louis Fire Department. Call orders in to 861-1930. Donation is \$5.

Lakeshore Baptist to host VBS next week

Lakeshore Baptist Church, 6028 Lakeshore Rd., will host a vacation Bible school July 29-Aug. 2 for ages 3 through sixth-grade.

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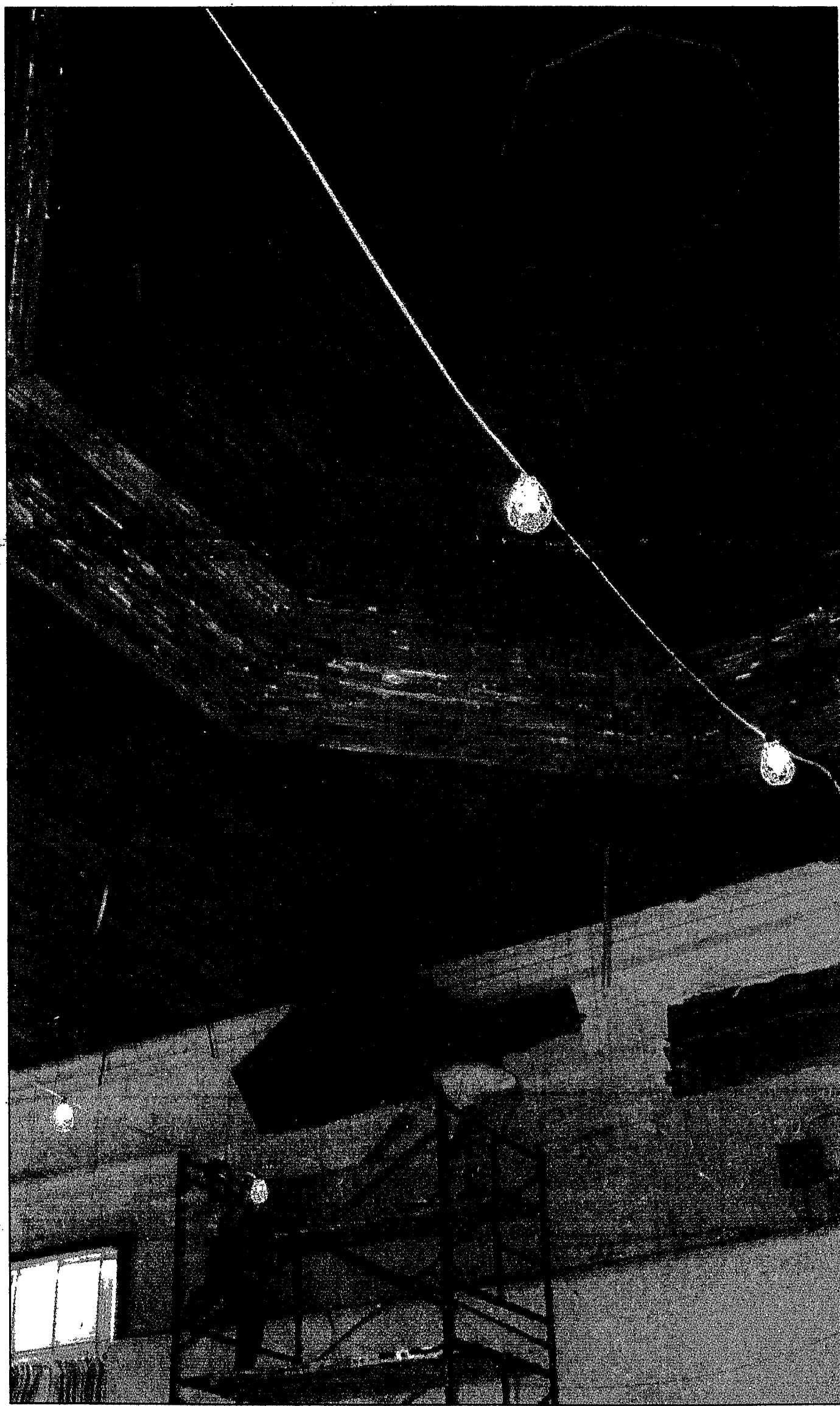
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DISORDER IN THE COURT



Workers from GM&R Construction remove an air duct in the courtroom as part of the \$1.3 million of the historic Hancock County Courthouse. The renovation work this week unveiled the high ceilings and remnants of the dome that once capped the early 20th-century courtroom.

Group wants to restore courtroom to its early glory

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

There's disorder in the courtroom, and ardor in the court for the former grandeur of days gone by.

Workers from GM&R Construction earlier this month began the long-awaited \$1.3 mil-

lion renovation of the historic Hancock County Courthouse. But this week, as workers tore out the ceilings of the circuit courtroom and the dividing wall between it and the board of supervisors' meeting room, they unveiled remnants of the courthouse's former glory – what's left of the old courtrooms early-20th century architecture.

Which prompted a movement to restore it.

"I'm leading the fight to save the courtroom," Hancock County Clerk Pam Metzler said

Tuesday. "To restore it to what it used to be in all its grandeur."

Hancock County Historical Society Executive Director Charles Gray said Wednesday that he fully supports Metzler's cause, but said there are some obstacles.

"We would very much like to restore it ...," Gray said, "but I don't know the feasibility at this point."

The current plans for the renovated courthouse, designed by

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Property values going up in county

Tax collector calls jump in tax rates a 'correction'

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If the value of your property went up when new appraisals were made this year, you're not alone. Many Hancock residents are seeing increases upwards of 25 percent over last year's values. The majority are seeing some increase in either their property values or the improvements on the property.



Jimmie Ladner

"Most folks who are seeing a big jump in the value of their property are just being brought up to fair value," Tax Assessor Collector Jimmie Ladner said Tuesday. "We are correcting values that may have not been appraised correctly in some past years and some people will see quite a jump in value."

Whether higher property values will translate into higher property taxes remains to be seen, Ladner said. A lot

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Hancock dismisses out-of-district tuition plan

Parents must now petition bd. on case-by-case basis

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

The proposal for a new out-of-district student policy perished during the July 23 meeting of the Hancock County School Board, thus eliminating a possible \$2,500 tuition.

"The only reason I'm voting 'no' to the new policy is to keep a \$2,500 tuition out," said Peggy Ladner, District 4.

The district's current policy, which bans any new out-of-district students from attending Hancock County schools, will remain intact, and tuition for those students grandfathered in will stay



Mike Ladner

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Shelby Trahan, 11, at her Bay St. Louis home. Shelby will travel to Camp Rainbow next week. The camp is a retreat for cancer patients ages 6-17.

Bay girl's life is bright after long-term bout with cancer

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

With a smile that could permeate even the darkest of souls, 11-year-old Shelby Trahan is much like other girls her age.

She spends her spare time riding her bike and playing on her computer. She goes to the park with her friends and enjoys giggle sessions during slumber parties. She even ties up the phone line with girl talk.

In June 1999, however, life for this bubbly young girl from Bay St. Louis was not so carefree. Shelby was diagnosed with facial cancer after a friend of her mother's noticed a knot on her right cheek — it was a tumor.

Shelby said she was shocked when she found out about the cancer and that her mother, Marissa, cried. "I was really sad when I had the treatments because my hair fell out," she said. "I had a lot of hair."

After several months of chemotherapy and trips to

the hospital, Shelby's tumor was removed during surgery in October 1999.

The treatments and surgery were a success; Shelby was in remission.

"I was happy," she said. "The first thing I thought about was having my hair back."

Marissa said her daughter was strong throughout the ordeal.

"She handles things better than me sometimes," she said.

Shelby said it was her mother and family that helped her through the tough times.

The following year, Shelby was separated from her mother for the first time when she attended Camp Rainbow, a special camp for cancer patients ages 6-17.

"Shelby had never been to a camp," Marissa said. "After she came back, she said 'I can't wait until next year.'"

Shelby, who will be a sixth-grader at Bay/Waveland Middle

School this fall, will pack her bags once again to attend Camp Rainbow next week at Roosevelt State Park in Morton, Miss.

The spirited youth said her favorite part of camp is the swimming and the arts and crafts. She also has the opportunity to go horseback riding and fishing.

"She looks forward to this camp every year," Marissa said as her daughter sat beaming about the upcoming trip.

Camp Rainbow is a special camp where cancer patients ages 6-17 can experience the traditional fun of summer camp while still having their special medical needs met. The camp, which was first conducted in 1984, has had approximately 1,175 patients participate in the camp since its opening.

For more information about Camp Rainbow, call the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Supers hold off condemning property until get more info

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The board of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission passed a resolution on Monday to OK a payment not to exceed \$41,900,00 to RMT, Inc. to perform a treatability study on the Publicly Owned Treatment Works at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

The purpose of the study will be to determine whether the facility can accept industrial waste from G.E. Plastics and the Port Bienville sanitary sewer system.

Currently, the POTW treats industrial waste from Wellman and the port's wastewater is treated by an on-site treatment plant.

In other business:

•Commissioners voted to begin condemnation proceedings on two parcels of land. One parcel consists of 8.2 acres of land located adjacent to the port. The parcel is part of a larger parcel of land, whose owners do not want to sell the required acreage separately from the larger parcel.

The other parcel consists of 1,445 acres and is adjacent to the western boundary of Stennis International Airport. Commissioners have made numerous attempts to contact the owners of the land, DMZ Timberland, which is managed by Forestry Investments in Atlanta, said Deputy Director Greg Deakle, but have received no response. Condemnation proceedings would initiate a response, Deakle said.

The acreage would be used for a drop zone and a tactical assault landing strip for the military to practice airdrops. An old drop zone was closed when construction in the area forced its relocation, Deakle said. The drops would include large concrete blocks. Operations would also include heavy equipment such as tanks.

When plans for the new runway, proposed in the airports expansion, get underway, the land would be used for that expansion.

Condemnation allows the Commission to execute proceedings in which they may acquire the desired property

from its present owners for appraised market value. Because the Commission is a public entity, it cannot pay more than the appraised value for the property, Deakle said.

Forestry Investments manages land investments for retirement accounts and other investment ventures.

At Wednesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman suggested that the commission provide more information on the proposed military operation before any decisions were made. Pullman said he wanted to make sure that the operation did not pose any safety risk to surrounding areas. That the area is proposed for practice indicates that there is room for mistakes, he said, and we want to be sure how the mistakes could affect the area.

The proposed area is

about one and a half miles north of Interstate I-10, about one half mile from Texas Flat Road and is about 5 miles east of the space center, Port and Harbor Director Hal Walters said on Wednesday.

•Commissioners voted to execute a change order to Fore Construction in the amount of \$87,316 and a payment in the amount of \$102,169 in connection with a project at Stennis Airport. The project included a new taxiway and resurfacing of the North ramp. Problems with the resurfacing added extra costs to the project, initiating the change order. The entire project cost \$465,781.

Commissioners also voted to request an amendment for a request for FAA grant funds in the amount of \$84,074 to cover some of the costs of the change order.

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11:30 a.m. Concession opens

1:00 p.m. Watermelon seed spitting contest. Seeds will be provided, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons will be awarded

5:00 p.m. Carnival will start. New rides this year

5:20 p.m. Announce County King and Queen

5:30 p.m. Child Lead in 7 Years and Under

5:45 p.m. Donkey and Mule Show. Must be Pre-registered by July 18

6:00 p.m. Halter Horse Show. Must Be Pre-registered by July 18

7:00 p.m. Weigh Commercial Heifer and Steers

August 8

9:30 a.m. Nickel in the Hay Stack, 8 years and

under

9:45 a.m. Pet Show - Dogs, cats, turtles, fish, etc. or any pet that is not judged in poultry, rabbits, beef, horses and swine contest.

11:00 a.m. Beef Cook Off Contest - Dishes must be prepared and ready to serve at time of entry. Please pre-register by calling Mrs. Marilyn Bailey at 228-467-5456 for entry forms and categories. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

12:00 p.m. Helicopter Rides \$20.00 per person up to two people per ride

5:30 p.m. Goat Show Participants must be pre-registered by July 18

5:45 p.m. Dairy Heifer

6:00 p.m. Beef Show Participants must be pre-registered by July 18

August 9

10:00 a.m. Judging of Poultry, Rabbits, Arts and Crafts, Jellies, Jams, Homemade Exhibits and Miscellaneous

11:00 a.m. Judging of the Best Decorated Booth. Winner will receive \$100 and a Rosette.

5:00 p.m. Music By Little Danny Necaise

5:30 p.m. Catfish Plates

6:30 p.m. Talent contest - Sponsored by WRJW and

Hancock County 4-H Youth and Adult Divisions must send entries along with a video tape to either WRJW at P.O. Box 907, Picayune, MS 39466 or to Wade Ladner at 3064 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Please call 228-467-5456 for your entry forms. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be given along with \$100 check to the winner of each age division.

Deadline for entries is July 19.

8:00 p.m. Music by Little Danny Necaise.

August 10

8:00 a.m. Working Stock Dog Show - By the Mississippi Stock Dog Association

9:00 a.m. Helicopter Rides

11:00 a.m. Mule Pulling - Mississippi Mule Pullers Association

12:30 p.m. Release All Livestock and Exhibits

2:15 p.m. Goat Tying (Youth Division Only)

2:30 p.m. Team Roping - Youth and Adult Division

8:00 p.m. Bull Riding and Barrel Racing

For more information, call the Mississippi State University Extension Service at 228-467-5456.

Kiwanis children's health fair set

Kiwanis of Hancock County will offer youths and families an opportunity to attend a free health and safety fair Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Post 77 will provide free light refreshments.

This year's fair will include health services such as vision screenings, dental checkups, general health screenings and information on nutrition and various health services such as Medicaid, free health insurance for kids, low-cost health services for families, mental health services and

information on tobacco, drugs and alcohol. Children's safety issues and fire safety will be presented by local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, the Gulf Coast Woman's Center, Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Hope Haven and others. For more, call 467-7945.

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Officers face violence in answering domestics

Suspects take it out against deputies as well as mates, children

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
Domestic violence continues to plague Hancock County with sheriff's deputies responding to at least one call on the average per day, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

The violence is not only against a mate, child, or relative, Garber said, adding, "Officers end up many times being attacked while trying to do their duty according to the laws of the state."

Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, who keeps records on crimes addressed by the Sheriff's Department, reports that at the end of Sunday, July 21, deputies had responded to 210 calls since January 1.

Lambert said, "There are times when a deputy responds to a domestic violence call and also finds out the suspect is or has been involved in other crimes."

As examples, Lambert said, "On July 19, Deputy Lt. Matt Sekinger responded to a domestic violence call to the address of 8030

Lakeshore Road. His investigation revealed that a victim was involved in a verbal argument with a suspect. The female attempted to leave the house, and the suspect threw her down several times."

"Lt. Sekinger arrested the suspect, Kevin Roberts, 31, and charged him with simple assault. When Roberts was placed in the patrol car, he became violent and was bumping his head against the window of the police car. As they left the residence, he kicked out a back window of the cruiser," Lambert added.

Lambert said Roberts was charged with simple assault, disorderly conduct, destruction of county property and failure to report as a convicted felon.

A check on Roberts revealed that he had narcotics violation convictions in 1990 and 2000, in addition to domestic violence convictions in 1997 and 2000, which he pled guilty to in Michigan.

On the 1997 domestic

violation, he served nine days in jail and was placed on nine months probation. He was sentenced to 132 days confinement and 18 month probation for the 2000 conviction on assault, Lambert reported.

In another domestic violence call on July 16, the office received a call from 20420 Road 258 in the Catahoula area from a father who said his son had assaulted him and wanted to file charges. The father reported that after he evicted his son from the residence, the son forced his way back into the house, Lambert said.

"Deputy Chris Ory responded to the call and found the suspect, Joshua Johnston, 22, walking on the road near the Catahoula Baptist Church. He was arrested and charged with simple domestic assault. In addition, the Narcotics Division had an arrest warrant for Johnston for the sale of a controlled substance. Other charges he faces are two counts of burglary, disorderly conduct and contempt of court," Lambert revealed.

In responding to a 911 hang-up call around 1 a.m.

on July 7, Deputy Push Phillips responded to 10055 Bancroft, Bay St. Louis.

Lambert said, "Deputy Phillips found the residence and was approached by the suspect who told him the kids were playing with the telephone. The deputy asked to enter the residence in order to check on the welfare of the occupants."

"The suspect hesitated, but granted permission. He observed one young male asleep on a sofa and a female holding a young girl awake and observed the female crying. She had redness on her left shoulder and arm area. The injury appeared to be new and she appeared frightened and did not want to respond," Lambert continued.

The deputy then requested the suspect not to interrupt the victim. Phillips then was able to get the victim's account of the incident, and the fact was, an argument was over a pack of cigarettes, Lambert said.

"Phillips then arrested Richard A. Shamblin, 25, charged him with simple assault and domestic violence. He then removed him from the residence. The victim then said she was

jerked of a couch by her hair and grabbed by her arm and dragged across the floor. The victim said that is when she dialed 911. The victim's abrasion was to her right elbow," Lambert added.

Deputy Lt. Matt Sekinger assisted Phillips, and during transport of the suspect to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility he became very belligerent towards officer Phillips and used extreme profanity towards him and also made ethnic remarks towards him. Threatening statements were also made at the jail by the suspect against Phillips," Lambert added.

Sheriff Garber was authorized by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in early March to secure the efforts of grant writer Gail Watts to file applications for grant funds to help stem the rise of domestic violence in the county.

Garber said if the county is successful, the funds would be used to hire an additional deputy who will be assigned and trained to handle domestic violence

cases. The person will also be used in helping train road deputies in the proper handling of domestic violence calls.

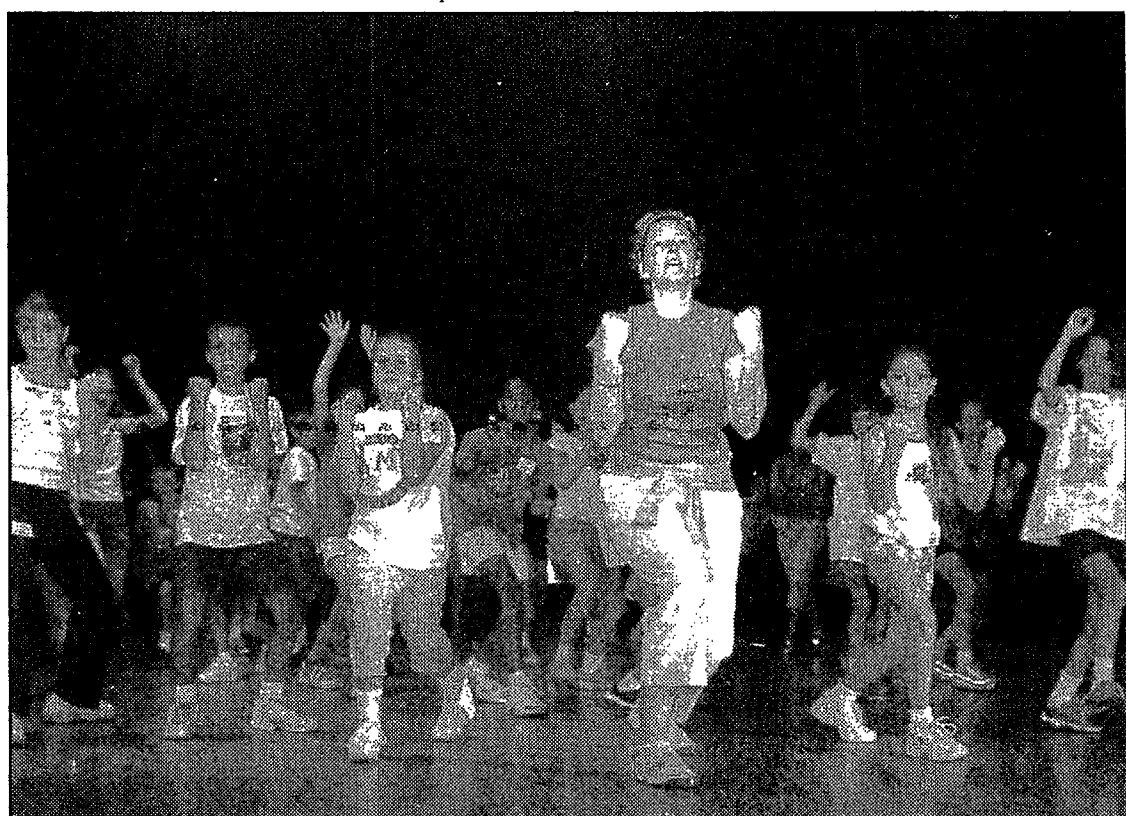
"Something has to be done to curb domestic violence in our county. Hopefully we will receive the grant requested, as we need all the help we can get. There are far too many suffering from the results of domestic violence, especially the frightened children and battered women," Sheriff Garber added.

To report domestic violence in the county, call 911 or the Sheriff's Office at 467-510, Garber said.

Lambert added, "If anyone feels they are a victim of domestic violence and are afraid for their safety in reporting such, they can contact the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Non-violence crisis numbers, 228-435-1968, or 1-800-800-1396 for assistance and advice."

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Dancin' the night away



Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins

Approximately 55 students from along the Gulf Coast are currently attending a two-week dance camp at Bay High School. The camp will conclude with a gala performance at the Bay High auditorium Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. Thecla Harris, pictured above, the residency artistic director at the National Dance Institute in New York, and Jennifer Cady, the co-artistic director, are serving as instructors for the camp offered by the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast. USMGC is also offering a workshop for graduate students from the college in conjunction with the children's camp. Nancy Masztal, chairperson of the Division of Education and Psychology at USMGC, said the workshop gives these teachers the opportunity to see "teaching and learning from a different perspective — through the arts." For more information, call (228) 865-4539 or (228) 493-4924.

Kids fishing rodeo set for Sat.

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
The 18th Gulf Coast Sportsman Club Kids Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for this Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free fishing rodeo is open to boys and girls ages 13 and under, according to Claude Garcia, chairman.

The rodeo headquarters will be at Pavilion No. 1 at Buccaneer State Park, Beach Boulevard, Waveland.

Registration is free, and forms will be available at Buccaneer State Park Pavilion No. 1 beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Garcia said.

In the freshwater division prizes will be awarded for the largest green trout (bass) and perch.

Prizes will be awarded in the saltwater division for the largest speckled trout, redfish, white trout, flounder, croaker, ground mullet and largest fish.

A king fisherman and queen fisherette will be selected from ages 8-13.

"The rodeo officials will not be responsible for undersized fish," warned Sammy Perniciaro, rodeo

co-chairman.

"No undersized fish will be accepted, and parents are urged to have their children comply with state and federal regulations (speckled trout, flounder and redfish)," emphasized Perniciaro.

He also emphasized no catfish or stingrays will be accepted.

"This is for the safety of the children," Garcia said.

There will be a special crab division for ages six and under. All fish must be caught by the participants on the day of the rodeo in any waters in the area from piers, shoreline, boats or wading.

Sportsman's Club members will handle the scales, and the weighmaster's decisions are final.

Each participant will also receive a free hot dog and coke, Garcia said.

Trophies will be given for first, second and third place in each category, and drawings will be held for a large number of prizes.

Many of the prizes for the rodeo have been donated to the Sportsman's Club by local merchants.

Garcia said if any merchants are interest in making a donation or contribution, they may contact him at 467-0870, or Perniciaro at 467-5324.

B-W Yacht Club hosts Jr. Lipton Cup Regatta

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will host the 2002 Jr. Lipton Cup Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28. The three-race series will begin on Saturday and continue into Sunday with award presentations expected early Sunday afternoon.

Representing Bay-Waveland Yacht Club as skippers in the regatta are Andrew Eagan, Melissa Chapoton, and Phillip Tanner.

Alternate skippers are Gary Taylor and Charlie Cody. Skippers were decided in a round-robin elimination July 6 and 7.

During GYA Jr. Lipton history, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club has won the title five times: 1963, 1971, 1979, 1980 and 1996.

In 2001, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club won the second place title; however, Southern Yacht Club, the first place winner in 2000 and 2001, was unable to host the event for two consecutive years thus passing the honor of hosting the regatta to Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. Viewers are welcome.

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8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 27, 2002
and
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In order that the work to renovate the Courthouse and Grounds may proceed in a safe and timely manner.

Please take note of this closure and use alternate routes.

Temporary closure of these streets will be required in the future. The public will be informed in advance thru notice in the Sea Coast Echo.

We appreciate your patience while we undertake this much needed Renovation of our Hancock County Courthouse.

By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It's time for the Fishing Rodeo again

It's time for the youngsters to make sure their fishing gear is ready for the big Gulf Coast Sportsman Club Kids Free Fishing Rodeo on Saturday.

The annual event is open to boys and girls ages 13 and under, and there are some great prizes in addition to first, second and third place trophies in two freshwater, (green trout 'bass' and perch) and seven saltwater divisions, (largest speckled trout, redfish, white trout, flounder, croaker, ground mullet and largest fish).

Fishermen need to remember that there is a size limit on flounders now, and that is a minimum is 12 inches.

So, federal and state laws need to be followed on size limits for redfish, speckled trout and flounders.

Free registration will take place at the Buccaneer State Park Pavilion No. 1 beginning 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

This will be a good time for parents to enjoy some time with their youngsters. The rodeo scales will close at 4 p.m.

There is a special crab division for girls and boys ages six and under.

No catfish or stingrays will be accepted for the safety of the youngsters.

Drawings will be held for many gifts at the end of the rodeo, so if a youngster does not catch the 'big one,' they still can be a winner.

We hope to see you at the fishing rodeo on Saturday.

This morning at the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, Thernion Williams, the newly elected president of the Property Owners Association, will be the guest speaker.

This will be a good time

to hear the future plans of Diamondhead's POA leader and possible ask a few questions.

The meeting will be from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Also, the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's Business After Hours will be from 5 to 7 this evening hosted by Duke Signs and Designs, 4300 Gex Road (in the back of Century 21 building).

There should be some good snacks and refreshments.

The DBPA's annual Merchant Fair, set for November 21, 5 to 8 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club, I am told space is filling up fast, so interested businesses owners need to sign up as soon as possible.

For further information, contact Joan at 255-5994.

It is good to hear that the City of Waveland has received a building permit from the Commission on Marine Resources for the extension of the Garfield Ladner Memorial Fishing Pier.

There will be an extension to the pier, added pags and public restrooms on the jetty by the gate.

The project is estimated to cost some \$380,000.

The money for the project will come from Tidelands funds. The extension will go further into the Sound, and the depth of the water will increase to about 10 to 11 feet deep.

The Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier is a very popular fishing area, and the extended pier should increase the use of the facility.

I have an annual license and use it mostly in the Fall of the year when I try to catch a few flounders.

Judge threw out WorldCom suit in March

A federal judge here, whose family members are tied to state Republican political activism, four months ago threw out a WorldCom shareholder lawsuit charging top officials of the huge long-distance telecommunications company with much of the book-cooking that shortly afterwards burst into a national financial scandal.

On March 28, U.S. District Judge William Barbour had dismissed a class action lawsuit brought nine months earlier by shareholders and investors laying out a litany of allegations of fraud by company

CEO Bernie Ebbers and other top company officers.

Two months after the suit had been quietly dismissed, WorldCom's new leadership publicly admitted that the company had hidden \$3.9 billion in losses in its financial reports.

By this time, with the Securities and Exchange Commission sniffing into WorldCom and dealings of its executives, Ebbers had been booted out by the company board. Shortly afterward chief financial officer Scott Sullivan was also fired.

Amazingly, Barbour's ruling, as well as the allegations raised by stockholders

had been missed by the press as well as directors of WorldCom.

Forbes Magazine, the national business magazine, brought it all to light July 17 in a major story entitled, "Asleep at the Switch." It certainly got my attention, and sent me digging to get a copy of Barbour's 40-page ruling in the federal court clerk's office here.

The Forbes story, written by noted business watchdog Neil Weinberg, did not mention it, but the March 28 Barbour ruling has since been appealed to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for review by the higher court.

Barbour had not only dismissed the shareholder lawsuit, but he did it "with prejudice," preventing the

plaintiff's attorneys from amending the suit in light of new information they knew WorldCom would be filing with the SEC.

Significantly, a month or so after Barbour tossed out the stockholder suit, the SEC launched a full-scale investigation into Ebbers and then-CFO Sullivan. Since then, the SEC has filed civil fraud charges against WorldCom.

On April 28, exactly a month after Barbour's ruling, the WorldCom Board of Directors ousted Ebbers as the company's CEO. Six weeks later, Sullivan was given the boot from his \$700,000 a year job.

Both Ebbers and Sullivan, when hauled before the House Financial

Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



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Sewerage problem sending Hancock down the drain

To the Editor:
A recent article in The Sea Coast Echo stated that raw sewerage was running from the houses and trailers in BaySide Park directly from the septic tanks into the drainage ditches where children played.

The truth is, raw sewerage does not exist.

Either its sewerage or something else. The truth is, the health department did not find even one place that was creating a health hazard.

The truth is, the writer of the article was not forced to prove their allegations.

The truth is, a large portion of the voters believed this article anyhow and elected a new group of supervisors.

This gave them confidence that they could guide Hancock County on the road to a prosperous future and decided to put a sewerage system in all of Hancock County.

They were successful in getting adequate financing for the project, so they hired an architect and let out contracts to people with in adequate experience and installed the sewerage system without adequate inspection.

I assume this was done

with public money and grants from the United States Government.

Was there periodic accounting done? I have never seen any and wonder about it.

I do know that I was forced to hook up to the sewer. It cost me close to \$1,000 and \$35 a month for each house, plus about \$12 a month electric bill for the grinder pump for each house.

And my good septic tank is just sitting there.

It was not costing me anything to dispose of my personal sewerage. This septic system was dissolving the solids in the sewerage by using anaerobic bacteria instead of electricity.

This is the same bacteria that helps us digest the food in our stomach while making the energy that keeps us alive.

According to several newspapers, this sewerage system has had problems. We could hold the supervisors responsible for their mistakes or forgive them.

Just one more thing I've noticed. Lots are not selling here anymore just when the economy was picking up.

Bill Quandt
Bay St. Louis

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

Shouldn't local officials readjust millage?

To the Editor:
I recently received my new appraisal on my property indicating an increase of over 30 percent.

Question: Aren't the elected officials - city, county and school - required to adjust the millages to make

our taxes remain the same?

If not, this could be a bonanza for the agencies and a celebration in "City Hall" that would like the Fourth of July.

Very truly yours,
Joe Duteil
Bay St. Louis

Technicalities

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
GENERAL

Q May a state agency or governing authority in Mississippi purchase privately owned equipment at auction?

A No. Motor vehicles and equipment purchased at

public auction by those entities which come under the public purchasing laws must be offered by a state agency or governing authority of the State of Mississippi. (Attorney General's opinion to Entekin dated April 12, 2002)

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Services Committee two weeks ago invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify.

A Reagan appointee to the federal bench, Judge Barbour formerly practiced law in Yazoo City with his first cousin, Haley Barbour, former chairman of the Republican National Committee and once chairman of the Mississippi GOP, who is now one of Washington's highest-paid lobbyists.

Haley Barbour is contemplating a run to become the Mississippi Republican Party's standard-bearer for governor in 2003.

Interestingly, Judge Barbour is also second cousin of Henry Barbour, who is running U.S. Rep. Chip Pickering's campaign in the hotly contested race for Mississippi's new 3rd District U.S. House seat. Pickering received \$83,700 in contributions from WorldCom, far more than any other Mississippi political figure.

As an addendum to the Mississippi-style "All in the Family" political sitcom here, it happens that Haley

Barbour in 1979 managed an unsuccessful race by Pickering's father, Charles W. Pickering, Sr., for Mississippi Attorney General.

The elder Pickering, who is now one of the state's federal district judges, had been nominated for a seat on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, but his nomination was rejected earlier this year by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

Otherwise, he would now be sitting on the court that will review the dismissal of the WorldCom lawsuit.

"We think the dismissal was a reversible error," a lead attorney from the Milberg, Weiss law firm in New York which represented the shareholders had told Forbes Magazine.

Kenneth Wianale, the attorney, said: "(the lawsuit) laid out the who, what, when, why and where of WorldCom's fraud."

In his ruling, Judge Barbour had said that from a reading of plaintiffs' allegations "the reader (could) react by thinking there must have been some corporate misbehavior."

"However, after a thorough examination," he added, "it becomes apparent that the complaint is a classic example of 'puzzle pleading' and does not attain the heightened pleadings requirements for this type case."

In effect, Barbour proceeded to buy the whole package of denials by WorldCom top officials as to instances of spurious accounting and other corporate chicanery raised in the allegations by the plaintiffs that were backed by numerous interviews with former employees, analysts and industry authorities with knowledge of company practices.

Among supportive evidence presented by the plaintiffs were statements from a Tulsa, OK quality-assurance analyst that WorldCom's balance sheet listed long past-due receivables as assets; from an Ohio billing specialist who said the company delayed paying suppliers in order to boost its profit statements and a New York sales representative that WorldCom cut bandwidth prices in half

for one big client and then booked the order twice.

Cited by plaintiffs as part of their contention of fraud and deception of stockholders and investors was a 1999 statement by Ebbers that the company "remains comfortable with analysts' estimates of ... revenue growth estimates for 2000 ..."

Barbour said that Ebbers and WorldCom could not be held liable for such "forward-looking" statements unless they "had actual knowledge that the statement was false or misleading when made."

In one instance, plaintiffs had maintained that Ebbers and WorldCom knowingly "cooked the books" to bolster the company portfolio for the acquisition of MCI and attempted acquisition of Sprint.

Certainly, what has become known in recent weeks about inquiries by the SEC and Congressional investigators, they virtually track the class-action allegations of fraud raised by

stockholders and investors. Two lawsuits had been filed and had been consolidated into one by Barbour in June, 2001.

Now the overriding questions investigators are asking: What did Bernie Ebbers know and when did he know it?

And will Scott Sullivan, now more or less being painted as the baddest "bad apple" in the WorldCom barrel, take the rap for it all?

In view of the above, usually I would say 'stay tuned.' But to hear where the next shoe drops, you're going to have move the dial around from the U.S. Fifth Circuit

Court of Appeals, the SEC and U.S. Congress. At least, we know that the 'home boys' - Ebbers, et al - aren't going to get to enjoy some judicial home-cooking, at least not for now.

(POST SCRIPT: The Associated Press in New York liked my recent column on the late AP President and CEO Keith Fuller who cut his teeth on Mississippi journalism in the 1950s, but took issue with me using the word "tax-exempt" as a descriptive of the news cooperative. Though it is a non-profit corporation, the AP says it does pay taxes.)

Justice Department approves six-year terms and additional judgeships

The U.S. Department of Justice on Monday approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would increase Mississippi trial judges' terms from four years to six years.

The Justice Department also approved one new county court judgeship each for Madison and Rankin counties.

Voters in the Nov. 5 general election will be asked to decide whether to approve the six-year terms for chancery, circuit and county court judges.

Mississippi trial and appellate judges support the longer terms.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwin L. Pittman said, "I'm very much for the six-year terms. They reduce the number of elections required by judicial candidates by a third and consequently, they reduce the money that a judicial candidate has to raise."

Justice Pittman said the longer terms allow judges to concentrate on court business rather than elections. Justice Pittman noted that many other states have

longer terms for trial judges.

Circuit Judge Robert G. Evans of Raleigh, chairman of the Conference of Circuit Judges, said, "Our Constitution contemplates judicial independence and everyone wants it. Six-year terms increase that independence while preserving our right as citizens to select the individual who will preside over our disputes."

Rankin County Chancery Judge John S. Grant III, chairman of the Conference of Chancery Judges, said, "It benefits the public by not having as many elections and turnover at such a rapid rate. It maintains better qualified judges over a longer period of time. I think longer terms are in effect in a lot of other states."

Hinds County Chancery Judge Denise Owens, immediate past chair of the Conference of Chancery Judges, said that the longer terms would attract high quality candidates.

"It would be more appealing for candidates to give up

their law practices to run for six instead of four years," Judge Owens said. "It seems that four years is pretty short, compared to other states."

Lauderdale County Judge Frank M. Coleman, chairman of the Conference of County Court Judges, said campaigning is a distraction from the work of the judiciary.

During the latter year and a half of a term, "you are concentrating on your job plus what the opposition is going to look like and on gathering finances, because you can't wait until the last minute."

Senate Bill 2606 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 543, passed by the 2002 Legislature, call for six-year terms, starting with the terms which begin in January 2003. Changing the terms would require a constitutional amendment approved by voters.

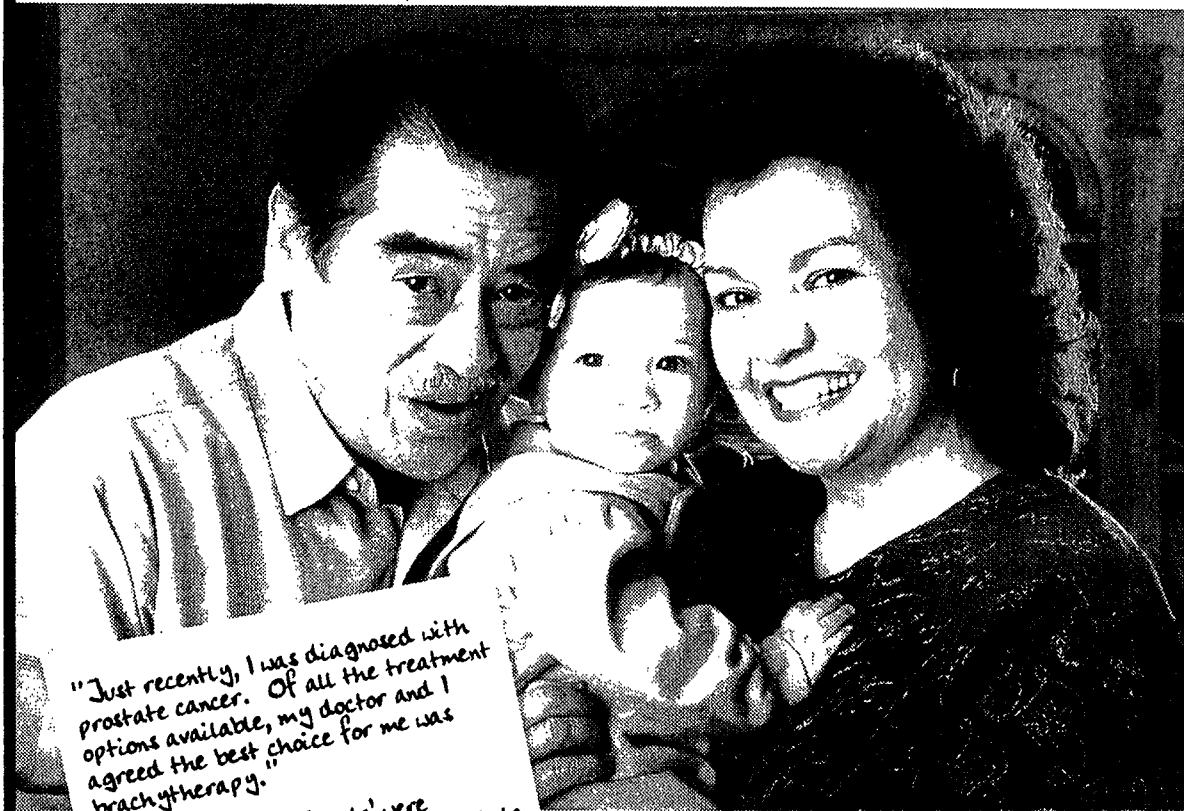
The 2002 Legislature also passed House Bill 605, which gave Madison and Rankin counties one additional county judge for each county. Each now has one

judge to handle a heavy docket of County Court and Youth Court matters.

The new Madison and Rankin County Court judges will be elected on the November ballot, with the qualifying deadline 45 days prior to the election, according to the statute. The terms will begin in January 2003, the same as other elected trial court judges' terms.

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Safety Seminar



The Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation annually holds a Youth Safety Seminar that gives young people the opportunity to learn the basics on a broad variety of subjects including CPR, ATV safety, boating safety, drug awareness, and many other topics. The four-day camp was held at Kamp Kumbaya in Webster County. Local youths attending the seminar included, from left, Tiffany Appel of Diamondhead and Emma Harris of Kiln.

Tax -- property values

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depends on the millage set by various entities, mainly the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, and the two main school districts. Any decreases in Picayune School District millage rates will have minimal affect, Ladner said.

To set millage, the entities first must have a budget for the coming year. Both school districts have approved their budgets for next year and, based on those budgets, millage could go down.

The Hancock County School District set a millage of 50.38 last year, which could drop to 47.74 mills this year, Ladner said, and still maintain the approved budget.

The Bay-Waveland School District set a millage of 57 last year and could drop its millage to 40 mills to maintain the proposed budget, Ladner said.

When contacted, the city clerks in Bay St. Louis and Waveland said that they were simply not far enough along in the budgeting process to make any determinations on millage.

The three Hancock County supervisors who were reached for comment said that they hoped for a millage decrease. The county set its millage at 48.25 last year.

"I'm not in for raising taxes," said District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner on Monday. "We are going to look at how many mills we can drop and stay within the current (proposed) budget. It may mean we have to refuse some request (for funds). I personally will do everything I can do to not raise taxes."

"We have most budget requests and projected revenue," said District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman. "We know there is some room for a millage adjustment. To the best of my knowledge, about 5.75 mills—though I may be mistaken. We don't think even this reduction will offset the higher appraisals completely, especially in cases where past appraisals were not accurate. But I don't think any of the board is interested in raising taxes."

"We're going to try to roll back enough to offset some of the increase and want to give the taxpayers some relief," said District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas. "I

cover a wide area and from calls I've gotten, I think everyone has been hit hard."

The tax collector's office is required to set the value on the county every year in the form of land rolls, said Ladner, and turn that report over to the board of supervisors by July 1 of each year.

Market value sets the trends for property value and state guides set the value for improvements, such as a house, a pool, or a storage shed. Values for homes are measured by two main factors: Quality of construction and construction materials; and square footage, Ladner said. Each detail adds points to an assessment.

Materials are checked off a state-mandated list carried by appraisers. The list includes such details as type of exterior and interior walls, type of roof, plumbing (number of bathrooms etc.), electrical boxes, type of flooring, number of stories and other characteristics. Homes are then classified according to a state system with ratings of A-F and S (mansions Ladner said.) Most common in the county is a C rating.

Each year, the value of 49,786 real properties must be assessed and presented to the board of supervisors and other entities which use the information to calculate their millage.

The state mandates that Ladner's office make field visits to at least 25 percent of the listed properties every four years for the purpose of looking at properties to see if improvements were made, or if maybe the condition of improvements have diminished, making them worth less; and to generally view properties to make sure they are what records say they are. Appraisers may also make a sketch of the home or other improvements for records.

If your property or lot was assessed to have a value of \$10,000 and, say, four empty lots on your street were sold during the year for \$15,000, then your lot is now worth \$15,000, as an example of fair market value.

"The staff who are out in the field and in the office are highly qualified," said Ladner.

In Hancock County, there are four field appraisers, all certified by the state tax

commission — and many with extra ratings. Of the five office employees, four are certified, two have extra ratings and one will be certified very soon.

"I would put my staff up against any in any other tax office," said Ladner.

"No particular area was hit on harder than any other area in the new appraisals," he said. "With the number of properties we looked at, I'm not saying we don't make any mistakes, and welcome questions from residents who think we may have made a mistake. We are here to answer questions."

Ladner said at Wednesday's board of supervisors meeting on that about 600 residents have come to the office to question appraisals. Of about 200 investigations into claims, 50 have been changed. Another 50 claims will not be changed. The rest will require field visits to make a decision, he said.

Dozens of property owners appeared at the meeting to ask questions about their appraisals. Many were seniors on fixed incomes. One man said that taxes on his property had risen 350 percent in the last few years and the new appraisals would add even more of a burden.

"Our objective is to bring the county up to fair market value," Ladner said. "Doing this can benefit (the county) in many ways if millage is reduced as a result of new land rolls. It can result in a lower car tag price and a reduction in taxes on personal property for business owners, among other things."

"One of the main things is that every property owner will be carrying their fair share of the tax burden," he said. "With no area carrying an unfair burden. We are doing this as fairly as we possibly can."

Property owners have until Aug. 5 to sign a request for an appeal. Request forms are available at the Hancock County Court House Board of Supervisors office. You will need your parcel number. If you go to the county tax office to question appraisals, Ladner recommended taking documentation such as purchase agreements for the property, private appraisal records or insurance policies on the property.

2002 through 2007 Graze-out Program

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (New Farm Bill) provides for Graze-Out payments instead of loan deficiency payments (LDP) for producers who choose to graze (livestock grazing) their 2002 through 2007 crops of wheat, oats, barley, or triticale.

The producer must agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on this acreage during the applicable crop year.

Application for Graze-Out begins on the first day the County FSA Committee determines that mechanical harvest of the crop begins in the county.

For the 2002 crop year, all Mississippi county offices are currently accepting Graze-Out applications. The final date to file a Graze-Out application is March 31 of the calendar year following the year the crop is normally harvested.

Therefore, 2002 Graze-Out applications will be accepted until March 31, 2003. Applications may not be canceled or withdrawn once requested.

The Graze-Out payment rate will be the LDP rate in effect for the applicable commodity on the date the application is received in the FSA office (even if the rate is zero).

Eligible acreage for Graze-Out is any acreage of wheat, oats, barley, or triticale that is timely certified on a planted acreage report as acreage intended for grazing and is not harvested by any other means than grazing by livestock.

Eligible producers for Graze-Out must meet the same basic eligibility requirements as those required for commodity loan or LDP.

Acreage upon which a Graze-Out payment is requested is not eligible to receive a crop insurance indemnity for the crop or a Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payment. Also, mixes such as wheat/oats or wheat/rye-

grass are not eligible.

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Over 650 AmeriCorps members complete service, graduate July 19

Over 650 members of the AmeriCorps family of national service programs will successfully complete the required 1,700 hours of service and be eligible to participate in the July 19 celebration.

The ceremony, which will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson, will feature R. D. Harris of the Mississippi Department of Education as keynote speaker.

"I extend a sincere thanks to all AmeriCorps members in Mississippi and across the nation. Over this year, you have taught our children,

rebuilt our homes, helped our most vulnerable citizens, and made our state a better place to live. We appreciate you," said Harris.

AmeriCorps members serve in a variety of nonprofit and other charitable placements for one year, during which they must complete 1,700 hours of direct service in four broad areas: housing, education, health and public welfare, and the environment.

In return for this service, members receive a small living stipend and health benefits. At the end of a successful term of service, each member

is entitled to a voucher worth \$4,725 which may be used to pay off student loans or finance further education.

The mission of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service is to engage and support Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities.

As the state's official office of volunteerism, MCVS oversees AmeriCorps and community-based Learn and Serve America programs.

For more information on the commission, call 601-432-6779 and visit website www.MCVS.org.

Tuition

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at \$300.

Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner said that parents of out-of-district students may still petition the board to waive this policy on an individual basis.

Cheree Cuevas, a parent of an out-of-district student who has been in the Hancock County School System for several years, addressed the board during its most recent meeting.

Cuevas told the board she pays taxes to Hancock County for properties she owns in the county and wants her child to continue attending school there.

She came forward during

a previous board meeting because she did not realize her child was considered an out-of-district student and wanted to pay tuition, Ladner said.

President Cheryl Bennett informed Cuevas she must now formally petition the board to waive its policy on out-of-district students.

Although Cuevas and other parents in her position have the freedom to petition the board, those who recently "outed" themselves as non-residents of Hancock County may have to send their children to their own school district, Ladner said.

"Since I took office in 2000, the board has not accepted any out-of-district students that have petitioned to have the policy waived," he said. "(Some board members) think if you do it for her, you have to do it for him; that's not so."

Ladner said that many parents have petitioned the board and some have had good reasons that warranted a waiver of the policy, but none were accepted.

Those out-of-district students who are attending Hancock County schools "illegally," Ladner said, will still be "aggressively pursued" and removed from the school system.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

CHAPTER 307
TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, July 18 at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center with nine members present.

Margie was the week's best loser with 1 pound, and Paula was top KOPS. Mable was top loser for the month with 5 1/4 pounds, and Mary was runner-up with 3 pounds. Mable received the Vacation Charm.

Miles walked per quarter: Paula 289, Mary 25, and Mable 25 and 50 miles. Chapter members welcomed visitor Dava and new

member Pat. The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis.

Weigh-ins are 4-4:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call Sherrie at 467-3798.

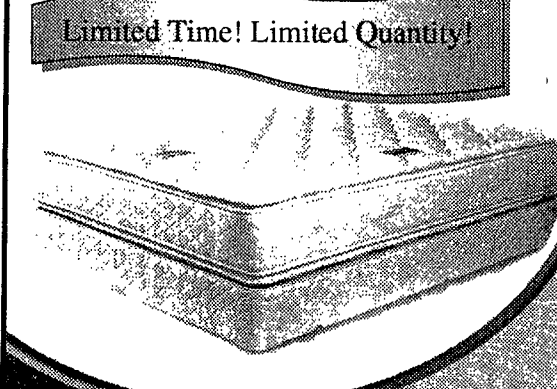
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PVT CHAPETTA

Army Pvt. Heather E. Chappetta was graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, rifle marksmanship, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Chappetta is the wife of Chris Chappetta of Bay St. Louis and daughter of Jackie Haines of Bowdoin, Maine.

She is a 1995 graduate of Hancock High School.

CHANCE ERWIN

Chance E. Erwin has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education.

After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

Erwin has reported to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training.

He is the son of Trudy J. Roberts of Pearlinton and the brother of Edwin J. Sowell of Pasadena, Texas.

SGT SMITH

Army National Guard Sgt. Sean D. Smith was graduated from the aircraft structural repairer advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

During the training, the student received instruction on the maintenance, repair, and fabrication of aircraft structural members, sheet metal, stress panels, fiberglass, and helicopter rotor blades. Instruction included the identification, usage, and maintenance of common, special and precision tools.

Smith's wife, Linda, is the daughter of Joseph and Alma Dedeaux of Pass Christian.

SPEC CULP

Army National Guard Spec. Christopher Culp was graduated from the CH-47 "Chinook" medium lift helicopter repairer course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

The student was trained to perform direct and general support maintenance on helicopter subsystem assemblies such as engines, rotors, gearboxes, transmissions, and mechanical flight controls; service, lubricate, inspect, troubleshoot, and maintain subsystems and components; perform

inspections and maintenance operational checks; and received instruction in safety practices, including use of ground support equipment and special precision aircraft maintenance tools.

Culp is the son of Susan M. Dye of Bay St. Louis.

His wife, Jessica, is the daughter of Elaine Garner of Kiln.

SSGT HOWARD

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Ralph J. Howard Jr. is one of 500 soldiers from the Louisiana Army National Guard and Reserve who have arrived at Fort Polk, Leesville, La. to begin pre-deployment training and processing.

The soldier will be deployed to an overseas operating location to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the United States.

The reserve component soldiers are assigned to the 769th Engineer Battalion, a combat engineer battalion headquartered in Baton Rouge. The citizen-soldiers have been mobilized, activated and trained to support and fill critical pieces of the active component mission.

Howard, a petroleum supply specialist, is the son of Ralph J. Howard Sr., and stepson of Betty Rayford of New Orleans, La.

His mother, Juliette C. Howard, resides in Pass Christian.

He is a 1986 graduate of Pass Christian High School.

AIRMAN HARRIS

Air Force Airman Charles E. Harris III was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Harris earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Charles Harris Jr. of Pass Christian and the brother of Emily Harris of Carthage, Miss.

The airman is a 2000 graduate of St. John High School, Gulfport.

AIRMAN BUTLER

Air Force Airman Christopher M. Butler was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the grandson of June Dedeaux of Kiln.

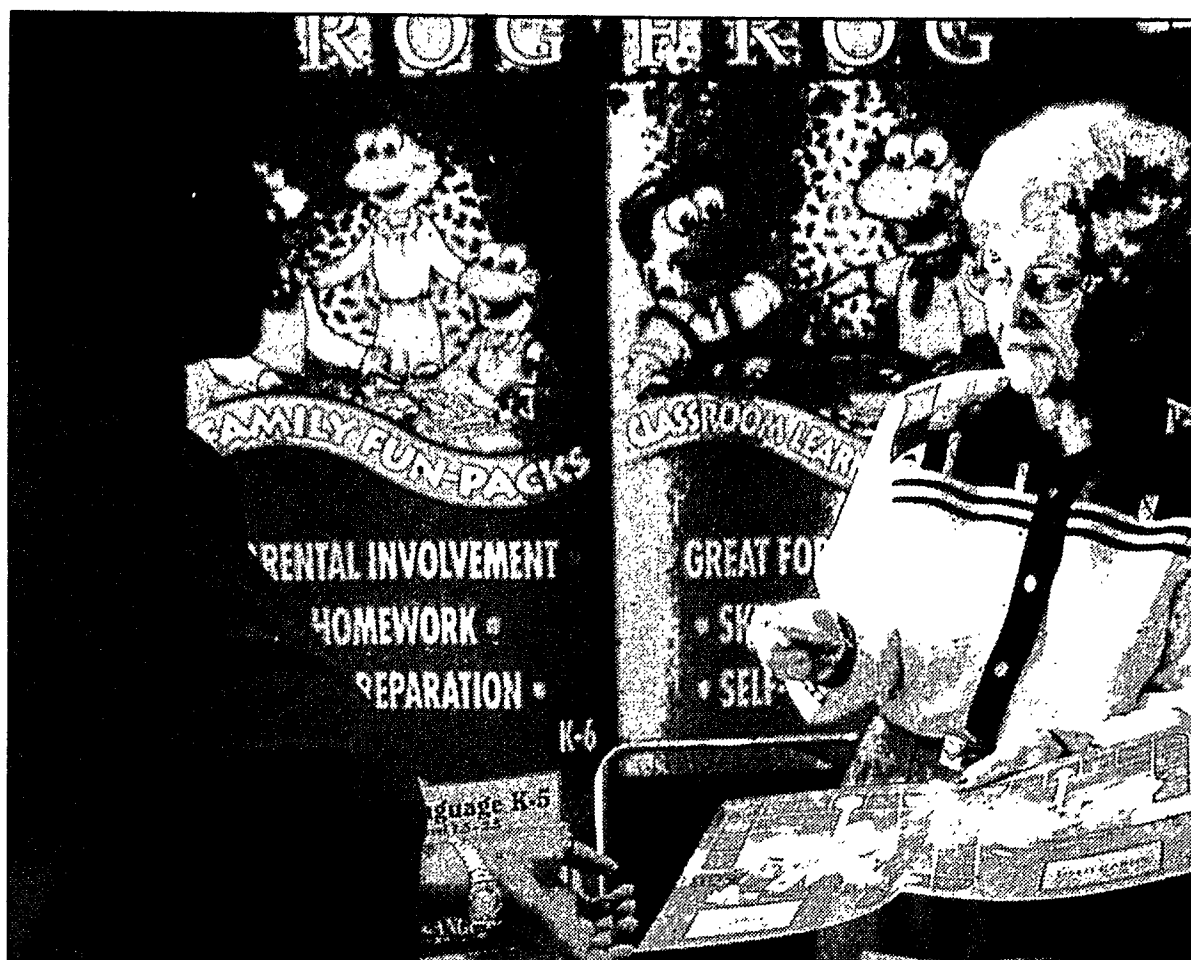
Butler is a 1997 graduate of Hancock High School.

PVT LENFANT

Marine Corps Pvt. Philip J. Lenfant, son of Phyllis C. and Jerome W. Lenfant of Waveland, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Lenfant successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Lenfant and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were address as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Lenfant is a 1997 graduate of Dominion Christian Academy in Bay St. Louis.



NO BORDERS IN HUMAN NEED - Edrel Coleman, right, with Frog Publications, shows materials to Latroas Williams, a first-grade teacher from Beaufort, S.C. Williams was attending the 62nd annual Reading Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi. Frog Publications of Tampa, Fla., was among exhibitors at the July 17-19 conference. (USM Marketing and Public Relations photo by Steve Rouse)

Comprehension the essence of reading

THE SEA COAST ECHO

A miss is as good as a - mister? To a child, this twist on the old proverb makes perfect sense, said Dr. Jerry Johns, keynote speaker at the 62nd annual Reading Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi. It is an example of how experience affects comprehension in reading.

"And comprehension is the essence of reading," said Johns, giving more examples of how fourth-graders filled in the blanks in a list

of what adults would call "common" sayings.

The first speaker in the three-day conference, Johns discussed, "Using Literacy to Explore the World," focusing on strategies to improve comprehension. Speakers from across the country were featured in the July 17-19 conference that drew teachers and students from around the region.

Topics included multicultural literature; children's development as it relates to success in language and

reading; technology and reading; play-based learning; the reading and writing connection; using literature to teach children about disabilities; and learned helplessness.

The annual event is designed to familiarize or update elementary, secondary and post-secondary teachers; superintendents; principals; librarians; and other school staff and administrators in the areas of reading, language arts, content-area literacy and literacy instruction.

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The Goodwill store at Dunbar and Highway 90 is one place where Goodwill is able to accomplish its work.

Unfortunately there are a few people in the area, however, that use Goodwill as a dumping site for their unwanted materials. Literally tons of trash was dumped at the back of the local Goodwill store over the last couple of weeks.

The monies that should be going to training and employment has had to be used to pay for the loading and removal of the trash.

A sign in the back of the local Goodwill store warns people that it is unlawful to

leave things outside the store. Donations are welcomed during working hours seven days a week.

Yet people continue to use Goodwill as a dumping ground after hours. Most of the materials dumped are obviously worthless. The few useable things that are left after hours are typically rendered worthless by being exposed to the elements over night.

The Bay police have been very helpful in checking the area as they make their usual rounds in the neighborhood. The public is asked to report the license of anyone putting materials in back or in front of the Goodwill store after hours by calling the Bay store (467-7277).

Pictured is Goodwill store manager Val Ward and Waste Management truck driver Bob Wilkie.

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Baptist Assembly



Shoreline Park group

Shoreline Park youths attend Mississippi Baptist Assembly

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Five students and their leaders from Shoreline Park Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis, attended one of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Youth Weeks at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly June 13-17.

The theme for the camp was Real Faith for the Real World, and the camp pastor was Bill Hardin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Picayune.

Some 18 college students served as the faculty for the youth week camps which attract over 3,000 students. Leading the musical worship for the

week was the four member Chris Layton Band.

"Gulfshore Youth Weeks exist to provide youth an opportunity to worship, engage in Bible study, develop relationships with peers, and receive missions and leadership training," said Reid Vance, program director for the camp.

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, which is located in Pass Christian, is managed by Frank Simmons and owned and operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is supported by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.



From left, Daniel Zinc, Randy Mayzac and Brad Davis; in back, Frank Simmons.

Locals serve as staff at Assembly

Frank Simmons of Gulfport, Randy Mayzac of Pearlinton, Brad Davis of Long Beach, and Daniel Zinc of Bay St. Louis served as summer staff members at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

The summer staff, consisting of 56 college students from around the state, work as office personnel, housekeepers, grounds and maintenance crews, cafeteria staff and lifeguards.

Frank Simmons is the manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and a member of First Baptist Church Gulfport; Brad Davis is a sophomore at William Carey College and the son of Jerry and

Brenda Davis; Daniel Zinc is a sophomore at Pearl River Community College and is the son of Louis and Kathy Zinc; and Randy Mayzac is a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi and the son of Marilyn Mayzac.

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Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is open year round and attracts 17,000 guests annually.

Holy Spirit retreats announced

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S RETREAT

Danny Abramowicz, former NFL player and coach, will be the featured speaker at the Holy Spirit Men's Retreat planned for August 23-25 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Other speakers include Fr. Bill Henry, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in McComb, Miss., together with Al Mansfield and a team of men from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.

Cost is \$120 per person which covers registration, meals and accommodations. For more information:

phone (504) 828-1368; fax (504) 828-2133, e-mail: info@ccrno.org.

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, a priest-psychologist, author and popular preacher from New York City will be the featured speaker at the Holy Spirit Retreat October 11-13 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Also speaking at the retreat will be Aggie Neck, chairman of the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, together with Al and Patti Mansfield and a

team from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.

The retreat theme is "A Future Full of Hope" (of Jeremiah 29:11).

This retreat is open to everyone and will include special sessions for young adults and prayer group leaders.

Cost is \$120 per person which covers registration, meals and accommodations.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans Office, (504) 828-1368; fax (504) 828-2133, e-mail: info@ccrno.org.

Coast Chorale awarded Arts Commission grant

The Coast Chorale of Pass Christian has been awarded a \$6,375 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission.

The grant, a portion of the \$1.33 million in grants the Commission will award in 2002-2003, will be used to add instrumentalists to Coast Chorale concerts, as well as provide funding for an assistant director to help the group prepare for its performances.

The president of Coast Chorale, Eric Meindl said, "This grant is the first ever for the Chorale. We are thrilled at the opportunity to perform with small orchestras this year. It will make our performances even more appealing."

In addition to adding instrumentalists, another goal of the grant was to be able to hire an assistant conductor.

"It's sometimes a challenge to get ready for our performances," said Joy Mehrtens, artistic director of Coast Chorale.

"We only rehearse once a week and might have only a dozen rehearsals to perfect a program. If anything comes up - for example, my job causes me to miss a rehearsal or I get sick - it means we can easily get behind. An assistant will be a big help."

The Coast Chorale is a community chorus made up of about 45 singers of all ages and from all walks of life.

Most members are from Hancock and Harrison counties. The Chorale has appeared internationally in Vienna, Austria, and Verona, Italy, where it was awarded the bronze trophy in its division in 1999.

The Chorale's performances this season on the Coast will include a Christmas concert featuring Robert Shaw's Many Moods of Christmas and John Rutter's Gloria in mid-April 2003.

The Chorale is also scheduled for a trip to New York City's Carnegie Hall in February 2003 to perform with several other choruses to debut Rutter's Feel the Spirit.

The Coast Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. Rehearsals resume on Tuesday evening, August 20 at 7 p.m.

Persons interested in joining Coast Chorale are encouraged to call Eric Meindl at (228) 466-9529 to arrange an audition.

"We are particularly interested in getting more male voices this year - basses, baritones, and tenors -

but we will welcome hearing from anyone who has some experience singing in groups," Meindl said.

"Being able to solo is great, but it's really more important to be able to blend. A background in a church choir or college chorus is excellent."

Mississippi Arts Commission grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tim Hedgepeth, the Commission's executive director, said \$1.3 million in grants was awarded July 1; the remainder will be distributed during the fiscal year.

The Commission is a state agency serving more than 1.7 million Mississippians through grants that support programs to enhance Mississippi communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education, and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

Established in 1968 by the Mississippi State Legislature, the Commission is the official grantsmaking and service agency for the arts in Mississippi.

Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus receives Mississippi Arts Commission grant

The Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast has been awarded a \$3,375 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, said Tim Hedgepeth, executive director.

The grant, a portion of the \$1.33 million it grants the Commission will award

in 2002-2003, will be used to support the Christmas and Spring presentations of the Messiah and other works, and to assist in the Chorus' 50th year anniversary celebration.

The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the

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TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REVIEW LOCATIONS:

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Gulf Regional Planning Commission, 1232 Pass Rd, Gulfport, MS	228-864-1167
Hattiesburg Dept of Planning and Community Dev, 200 Forrest St, Hattiesburg, MS	601-545-4591
Memphis/Shelby Co Dept of Reg Services, 1075 Mullins Station Rd, Memphis, TN	901-379-7840
Meridian Community Development Dept, City Hall, 601 24th Ave, Meridian, MS	601-485-1910
MDOT District 1 Office, 1909 N Gloster St, Tupelo, MS	662-842-1122
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More than attended the officers of Clement R. American Friday night local officials the state we help with the

The hall with the red, with theme with American F behind the Taylor, City of Bay St. Louis Commander served as Ceremonies.

Taylor opened the program with Chaplain Clay followed by the lights, the flag and the allegiance group. Bob the group in Bless Amer introduced and the ceremony turned over to Unit Pres Tudury.

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New officers installed in ceremony at American Legion Post 139

THE SEA COAST ECHO

More than 250 people attended the installation of officers ceremony at Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post Friday night. State and local officials from all over the state were on hand to help with the celebration.

The hall was decorated in the red, white and blue theme with a giant American Flag hanging behind the podium. Bill Taylor, City Councilman of Bay St. Louis and Past Commander of Post 139 served as Master of Ceremonies.

Taylor opened the program with a prayer by Chaplain Clyde Craig followed by the lowering of the lights, the lighting of the flag and the pledge of the allegiance by the entire group. Bobby Allison led the group in singing God Bless America. Taylor introduced special guests and the ceremony was then turned over to outgoing Unit President Billie Tudury.

Tudury called on Mattie North for the presentation of 2003 Miss Poppy Alyce Brogle and Little Miss Poppy Katlyn Green. North crowned the girls and pinned their sashes. The two junior members will represent Unit 139 at activities in the Unit and the community.

Tudury also presented a token of appreciation to Janet Amie for her service

to the Unit as treasurer for the past seven years. Joyce Bermond long time member and hard worker for Unit 139 was presented with a life membership from the Unit.

Tudury introduced the Installing Officer, Past Department President Billie Burkeof Unit 1 in Jackson and called for the officers to take their position as they were called.

The following were installed: President Jeanne Garcia, 1st Vice-President Betty Lafontaine, 2nd Vice-President Shirley Cox, Secretary Lou Wilkerson, Treasurer Phyllis Moran, Chaplain Retta Cardin, Historian Jeanette Ladner, Sgt.-at-arms Janell Necaise, Color Bearers Heather Cowand and Bobbie Tomlinson, and Executive Committee Members Doris Long, Margaret Prevou, Gail Arnold, and Billie Tudury.

After the oath of office was given the Past president was given her pin and the incoming president was given her pin and gavel. President Jeanne presented the installing officer with a gift, a large Pansy and butterfly wreath for her home. Burke asked Permission to make a presentation.

She called Janet Aime to the podium she presented her a framed picture to commemorate the completion of her year as Dept. President.

Taylor then turned the

program over to Past Department Commander Hershel Ladner who served as Installing Officer for the Legion. Ladner called the officers to be installed to come forward and the following were installed: Commander Harold "Hap" Giarouso, 1st Vice-Comm Bill Taylor, 2nd Vice Comm. Jack Lafontaine, Adjutant John Wilkerson, Finance Officer Gene Schloegel, Judge Advocate Clyde Craig, Service Officer Henry Prevou, Chaplain Joe Bermond, Sgt.-at-arms George Piazza, Color Bearers Gilbert Gayaut and Admiral Vaughan, Executive Committeemen Doug Farmer, Marc Karl, D. W. North, Elroy Scott, and Jim Long, and Trustees Richard Brehm, Richard Johnson, and Bill Moran.

After the oath of office was given, Giarouso was presented with his gavel. Ladner, from Gulfport 119, thanked the Post for having him as installing officer and said "this is his home away from home."

Taylor called John Wilkerson, State Membership Chairman and Southern Area Commander, to the podium to make a presentation. Wilkerson presented a Paid for Life membership to Past Post Commanders Richard Brehm and Elmer Boyd. Boyd is on the sick list and Wilkerson will make his presentation at his home.

Taylor also made a pres-

entation from the Post to John "Big John" Rutherford who has served over 50 years on the Executive Committee of Post 139 and has served as commander and in almost every other position on the Exec. Comm. Rutherford was unable to attend and his award will be presented at a later date.

When all the business of the post was completed the members and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal. Bobbie Allison played for the dance that followed.

Out of town guests included 2003 Dept. Comm. Bill West and wife of Aberdeen, 2003 Dept. Pres. Kathy Dungan and husband of Wesson, SAL Dept. Detachment Comm. Billie Adams wife of Waveland, Dept. 1st Vice-Pres Bobbie Worrell and husband of Petal, Dept. 2nd Vice Pres Janice Crosby and Dept. SAL Detachment NEC Lester Crosby of Jackson, Dept. Historian Glenda Wheelis and husband of Heidelberg, and Department Woman of the Year Mary Caillier of Waveland.

2003 dues are \$20. and should be mailed to Bill Taylor at P. O. Box 68, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520 and The Auxiliary dues are \$12. and should be mailed to Betty Lafontaine at P. O. Box 3182, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39521.

Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

Magna cum laude



Laura M. Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwardo Flores of Pass Christian, was graduated magna cum laude with a degree in human development from Christian Brothers University in Memphis. She is a 1998 graduate of Our Lady Academy. She has accepted a teaching position in the Memphis School District and has been accepted at Vanderbilt University for her master's study in special education.

Achievement Academy honors Bay student

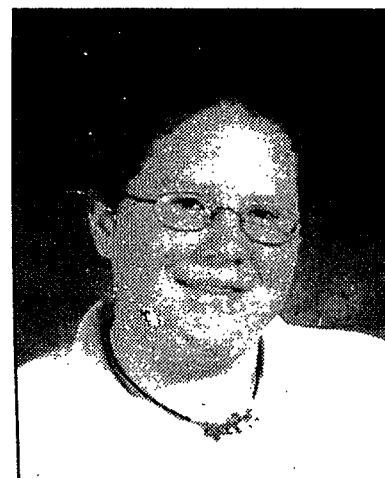
The United States Achievement Academy announced that Mercedes Lester of Bay St. Louis has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Mercedes, who attends Bay-Waveland Middle School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the academy.

Mercedes is the daughter of Paul Lester of Las Vegas, Nev. and Amy Lester of Bay St. Louis.

Her grandparents are Jack and Pat Welch, Carlos



Mercedes Lester

and Carol Ladner and David and Pat Kirksey, all of Bay St. Louis.

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PROGRAM IN ENGLISH

July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4
The public is invited to attend any session of the entire program. The morning sessions will begin at

9:30 a.m. each day On Friday and Saturday, the afternoon sessions will begin at 2 p.m.

On Sunday, the afternoon session will begin at 1:30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum 2350 Beach Boulevard in Biloxi, presented in the United States by the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

A total of approximately 14,000 delegates from the South Central Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast region will be attending the two conventions being held

at the Coliseum.

Across the country, the program will be held in English and Spanish, as well as in American Sign Language, Armenian, Chinese, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. The total projected attendance for the United States is 1,500,000.

All convention sessions are open to the public and are free. No collection is ever taken. The official journal of Jehovah's Witnesses is The Watchtower, which

has a circulation of over 24,000,000 copies, in 144 languages.

Jehovah's Witnesses number over 6,100,000 worldwide and function in 235 lands and territories. They are organized into more than 93,000 congregations, all of which work under the direction of a central Governing Body located in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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HORACE MORAN
LEONA NECAISE
FRANK ODDO JR.
ROGER PARON
DOROTHY WICKTOM**

MICHAEL BARNES
Michael Barnes, 66, of Waveland, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, in Waveland.

Mr. Barnes was a native of Leeds, England, and had been a resident of Waveland since 1982. He was a member of Waveland United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by one son, Stephen P. Barnes; and his parents, Lawrence and Lillian Green Barnes.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley V. Barnes of Waveland; two sons, Andrew M. Barnes of Baton Rouge and Scott R. Barnes of Mobile; three daughters, Debra K. Barnes of Brunswick, Maine, Della K. Barnes-LaCour of Slidell and Dianne K. Barnes-Simonson of Diamondhead; one sister, Doreen Brooks of Hosforth, England; and nine grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at the Waveland United Methodist Church, directed by Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JAMES BERNDT SR.

James H. Berndt Sr., 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, July 21, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Berndt was a native of New Orleans and a 28-year resident of Bay St. Louis. He graduated from high school in New Orleans and was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a used car manager for Gentilly Dodge. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norrel Berndt.

Survivors include sons James R. Berndt Jr. of Metairie, Gustave and Arthur Berndt of Chalmette; daughters Joy Labat of Slidell and Susan Nicolosi of Chalmette; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today, July 25 at 2 p.m. in Riemann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Biloxi where friends may call two hours prior to services.

Burial will be in Biloxi

National Cemetery.

NATALIE GIBSON

Natalie Bess Brown Gibson, 62, of Slidell, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, in Slidell.

Mrs. Gibson was a native of Jackson and a resident of Slidell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Ruby Moore Brown, and a son, James "Jimbo" Gibson Jr.

Survivors include her husband, James Gibson of Slidell; a son, Steven Gibson of Pearlington; brothers Billy Brown of Houston, Texas, and Buster Brown of Brandon; sisters Linda William of Magee and Sherrie Gibson of Ocean Springs; and two grandchildren.

A private service will be conducted at a later date.

RUTH HYDE

Ruth Roland Hyde, 79, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, July 13, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hyde was a native of Bavour, W.V. and a resident of Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Hyde; and her parents, John A. and Sadie Griffin Mullins.

Survivors include a son, Larry McKinney of Pass Christian; a daughter, Joyce Reeves of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Howard Mullins of Cleveland, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be private at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JENNY KIDWELL

Jenny Rae Kidwell, 6 weeks old, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, July 22, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Jenny was born in Martinsville, Ind.

Survivors include her parents, Linda Sue Hicks Kidwell and Chadrick Allen Kidwell of Martinsville, Ind.; three brothers, Michael Jeremy Woodall, Dakota Michael Allen Kidwell, both of Martinsville, and Kirk Billiot Jr. of Dulac, La.; grandparents Michael Kidwell of Martinsville, Roger and Linda Billiot, Souncey Gorka and Bill Latham, all of Bay St. Louis; and great-grandmother Martha Egan of Martinsville.

Services will be conducted today, July 25 at 2 p.m. in Riemann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Biloxi where friends may call two hours prior to services.

'Break of Dawn' to host scholarship banquet

The Break of Dawn Youth Enhancement Facility, Inc. will host its 4th annual scholarship awards banquet, Friday July 26. Seating will begin at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Gulfside Assembly, Waveland. Ticket donations are \$15.

For more information

contact Galen Smith, Sr. at 228-467-9630.

"We will honor Bianca Frederick, an outstanding graduate of Pass Christian High School. She graduated 16th out of 115 seniors and maintained a 3.62 grade point average. She plans to further her education while attending the University of

Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg," a spokesman said.

The Break of Dawn would like to extend a warm thank you to all supporters that have made this year's scholarship event a success.

The BOD gives a hat's off to Williams Pit BBQ, Save Our Children Youth Center,

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Carencrow, La., and a resident of Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rose Mary Landry Bolline.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda K. Oddo of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Daniel Oddo and Frank Oddo, both of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Kim English of Bay St. Louis and Karen Cunningham of North Carolina; his father, Frank J. Oddo Sr. of New Orleans; one brother, Kenny Hebert of Garyville, La.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral



Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

ROGER PARON

Roger E. Paron, Sr., 71, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., he settled in Hyannis, Mass. with his wife, Marjorie Mae, for many years. He then became a resident of Bay St. Louis for over 20 years. Mr. Paron served in the United States Air Force four years and was a Korean War veteran.

He was preceded in death by a son, Forrest R. Paron.

He is survived by seven children and a foster son, Lynda M. Labriola of Hyannis, Mass.; Mara D. Paron of Wasilla, Alaska; Marjorie M. De Christopher; Roger E. Paron, Jr.; Dorinda M. Paron; Forrest E. Paron, all of Hyannis, Mass.; Aletha Matis of West Yarmouth, Mass.; and a foster son, Michael Mederios of Tennessee.

He also is survived by three brothers, John D. Paron, of Leesburg, Fla.; Raymond Paron of Hyannis, Mass.; and Francis Gaspar of Billerica, Mass.; and three sisters, Dorothy McQuaid of

Hull, Mass.; Jacqueline Shumsky of Hudson, N. H.; and Dee Argo of Chandler, Ariz.; 29 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

Per his request the family will hold private services in Bay St. Louis, Hyannis and Bourne, Mass.; and in Alaska. The family requests donations be made to St. Home Hospice in Biloxi.

DOROTHY WICKTOM

Mrs. Dorothy Cuendet Wicktom, 75, of Pass Christian, died Friday, July 19, 2002 in Hancock County.

Mrs. Wicktom was born on March 20, 1927, in Mississippi City, Miss. She was the daughter of the late Louis Cuendet and Myrtle Bush Cuendet and the sister of the late Louis Cuendet, Jr.

Mrs. Wicktom was a member of the parish of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. She was a past member of the Church Benevolent Society.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Wicktom, Sr., of Pass Christian, two sons, Albert (Sandy) Wicktom, Jr. of Pass Christian and James (Sally) Roy Wicktom of Diamondhead, two daughters, Ann (Randall) Mauffray and Carol (Ramon) Faul both of Pass Christian, three sisters, Louise Cuendet of Gulfport, Eugenia Kates of Gulfport,

Marie Yost of Lincoln, Nebraska, grandchildren Major James Troy Wicktom, Barry Lee Wicktom, Darrin Mauffray, Kirk Mauffray, Kevin Mauffray, Rebecca Faul Dowling and Matthew Faul; and two stepgrandchildren, Jimmy Hilliard and Melissa Hilliard; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at the Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

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Barbara Griffith

Griffith named top office professional

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Barbara Griffith, development liaison at The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast, won the "Office Professional of the Year" award from the University's chapter of the Association of Office Professionals (AOP).

"This is such a distinct honor and privilege to receive such a distinguished award," said Griffith, who lives in Pass Christian with her 17-year-old son, Christopher. She also has two adult children, Tina Oaks, and Alexander Griffith, both USMGC graduates.

During her 14-year career at USMGC, Griffith has been in a variety of administrative positions. She started as a secretary at USMGC's Small Business Development Center. She later became the secretary of the Dean's office. She eventually moved into the Development office, where

she started as a secretary and is now the development liaison.

She has been a member of AOP since 1988. She is also a member of the Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP), and the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP).

She has attained her Professional Standards Program (PSP) certification through AOP. The certification is based on competencies earned from attending academic programs, conferences, and institutions.

She plans to continue working towards a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Along with work, professional activities, and school, she is an active member of the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach, where she is a eucharistic minister and a parent life teen coordinator.

IRS, state offer free seminars on tax issues

The Internal Revenue Service and Mississippi State Tax Commission, in cooperation with The University of Southern Mississippi Small Business Development Center and the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, will present two Small Business Tax Workshops in Biloxi on Sept. 9 and 10.

On September 9, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Small Business Tax Workshop for Cosmetology and Restaurants will help owners and bookkeepers for beauty salons, barber shops, nail salons, and restaurants understand the tax issues for their businesses.

Topics will include: determining whether workers are employees or independent contractors; the employer's responsibilities for taxes on tips; deductible business expenses; making federal tax payments; and Mississippi business tax issues.

On Sept. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Small

Business Tax Workshop for Construction Companies will help owners and bookkeepers for small construction companies understand the most important tax issues for their businesses.

Topics will include: proper accounting methods for construction companies; business deductions for construction companies; determining whether workers are employees or independent contractors; making federal tax payments; and Mississippi business tax issues.

Both workshops will be conducted at the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center at 1636 Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi. The workshops are free; however to ensure that space and materials are available, please reserve space by contacting the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center by phone at 228-392-9741 or by e-mail at btcdcbra@cableone.net.

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Diamondhead BPA meets today

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will meet today, July 25, 8-9 a.m. in the Diamondhead Country Club.

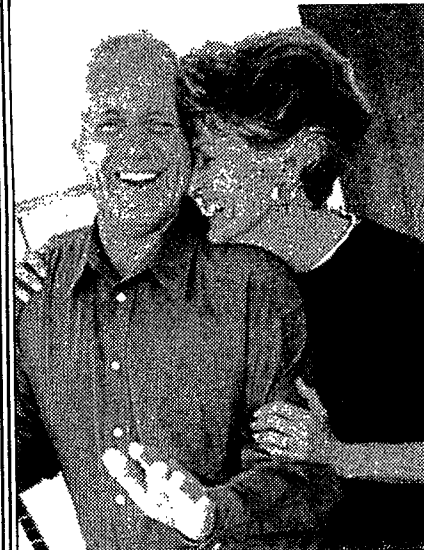
Guest speaker will be Thurmon Williams, the newly elected president of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association.

Business After Hours will be today, 5 - 7 p.m. hosted by Duke Signs and Designs. Their new location is 4300 Gex Road (in the back of the Century 21 of Diamondhead building).

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association is having a web site created. All members in good standing will be featured.

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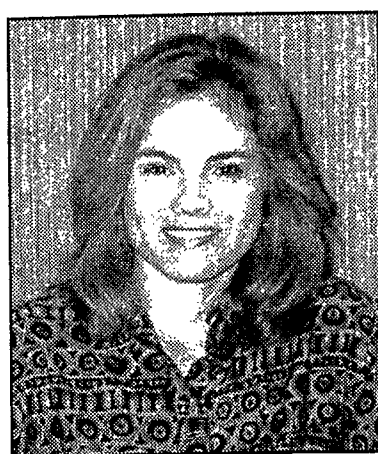
Credit union announces accounting manager

Kim Balch has joined Keesler Federal Credit Union as accounting manager. She received a B.S. degree in finance from the University of Florida.

Balch is a Certified Public Accountant and brings six years of experience to the credit union from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. where she worked as the assistant controller. Her primary responsibility for the credit union includes financial reporting and overseeing the management of fiscal and accounting operations.

Keesler Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in Mississippi and serves over 153,000 members worldwide with over \$700 million in assets.

The credit union offers a



Kim Balch

variety of financial services to its member-owners through its twelve branches along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and three branches on Royal Air Force bases in the United Kingdom. For more information, call 228-385-5500 or visit website www.kfcu.org.

New program unveiled

The Meeting and Convention Incentive Program, a pilot program by the Mississippi Development Authority's Tourism Development Division, will offer funding assistance in the bid stage for meetings and conventions throughout the state.

The program has been initiated to attract new meetings to Mississippi and will also entice groups that have not met in Mississippi in 10 years to return to the

state. Mississippi is one of the first states to offer this type of incentive program.

According to Darienne Wilson, director of the MDA's Tourism Development Division, meeting and convention contributions exceed \$200 million annually for Mississippi's economy.

For information regarding Incentive Program guidelines, meeting planners may contact Chris R. Bounds with MDA's Tourism Development Division at (601) 359-3297.

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The Hancock County Board of Supervisors views the currently-under construction courtroom area in the historic courthouse.

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architect Ed Wikoff, include again dividing the room to create a separate courtroom and boardroom. In order to properly restore the courtroom, Gray said, the boardroom would have to be placed elsewhere. The project would also entail a lot of re-plastering and re-direction of air ducts.

However, he said, since the building is a registered Mississippi landmark, the county should be eligible to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds that will become available in August. However, he said, there's no guarantee that once applied for, the funding would be approved, although "Bay St. Louis has not received any funds from Archives and History in ages, and we are due."

The supervisors had applied for a grant two years ago for the current renovation project, but were rejected by the Archives and History board, which said the project as it was at that time did not meet the necessary criteria.

Metzler led a contingent — including members of the historical society — to meet with the supervisors during their meeting in temporary quarters at the justice court building on Wednesday.

Board of Supervisors President Rocky Pullman told the group that, while a project to restore the original courtroom certainly had merit, it may not be workable at this time.

Part of the problem, he said, is that the board is under contract with GM&R to have the entire renovation project completed in about five months.

Although the county could potentially apply for funding next month, there's no guarantee if the application would be approved, and — even if it were — when the funds would become available. As it stands now, the entire courthouse is in disarray. Some offices have been moved to the justice court annex building, the employee parking lot is roped off to allow workers to lay wiring and the entire upstairs itself is blocked off while workers continue construction.

However, officials said, even if the renovation would continue under its current plan, the shell of the old courtroom that remains would just be covered up, not destroyed, so a restoration project could be put into action at a later date.

That meeting ended with

a trip to the view the old courtroom, but no resolution to Metzler's quest.

Bay council votes to raise water rates, effective Sept.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis residents will soon be paying more for their water. Council members voted at the regular meeting on Tuesday to raise rates on usage over 3,000 gallons per month. The basic rate of \$3.65 for 3,000 and under will remain the same.

For use over 3,000 gallons, the old rate of \$1 per 1,000 gallons for residential customers will go up to \$2.50 per 1,000. For commercial customers the rate per 1,000 will go from \$1.16 to \$2.70.

The raise in rates will generate an estimated \$180,000 per year in income for the city, officials said Tuesday.

Rates were reduced in 1992, Mayor Eddie Favre said. The rate hike comes as a recommendation from Favre. New rates will go into effect on September 1.

The charge for waste water treatment has gone up at least five times since then, Favre said. The pur-

pose of the hike is to adjust the charge for wastewater treatment. The city has been collecting about \$350,000 and paying out \$600,000 for treatment, he said.

Also discussed was the need for more revenue in the city to cover budget costs. Councilman Bill Taylor suggested that the city raise their millage to create those funds. The current rate for the city is five mills, three go to the Hancock county Library System and two go for recreation, according to city clerk Bobby Parker.

"For six years the people in the city have not had to pay a penny for fire, police and other services," said Taylor. "We should have

raised the mills years ago."

"Casino revenue should be lagniappe not something that the city should depend on it," Taylor said. "For years people have enjoyed the situation, but it's not working."

No action was taken on the suggestion.

Favre said this is just one of the options being looked at to raise revenue for the city.

A proposed utility ordinance was briefly touched on. Taylor suggested that the board toughen up some of the proposed grace periods, cutting time before late notices are sent out and cutting the time allowed to customers before services are cut for non payment.

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Morris to sign at Bookends

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Author Joe Edd Morris will sign copies of his book, *Land Where My Fathers Died*, at Bookends Bookstore in Bay St. Louis Friday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. His novel of a young

man's search for identity and redemption has received critical acclaim and has been nominated for the southeast Booksellers Association's Book of the Year award for fiction for 2002.

D'head UMC offers VBS

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The popularity of Mexican Heather exploded in the 1980s, and this plant, also known as false heather, is still an excellent choice.

Other species and varieties from Mexico are tough, good looking and unique enough to possibly interest your children or grandchildren in gardening.

The first species that comes to mind is the bat-faced cuphea, or Cuphea flavea. Summer's heat will not stop these unique flowers that look like bat faces with scarlet red petals and little, purple mouse ears.

The stems become slightly woody, arching and weather-tough. These are low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, heat-loving plants.

The other species is the cigar plant, Cuphea micropetala. With these plants in the garden, we can teach the kids about Mickey Mouse or smoking cigars.

Actually, I think the cigar plant is more like a firecracker. It loads up with large, 2-inch flowers in an exotic combination of reddish-orange, yellow and green.

They are a delight to the darting ruby-throated hummingbird. Heat and humidity don't even pause its vigorous growth.

The No. 1 reason thousands more gardeners don't enjoy these plants is instant gratification. Most often cupheas are hardly blooming when they're for sale, though the foliage is a textural asset in the garden.

Gardeners unfamiliar with these plants choose something else with more blooms showing. If you do try them, I predict you will get hooked.

Regardless of which cuphea you choose, select a site in full sun and plant in well-drained soil. Set out plants 12 to 24 inches apart, planting at the same depth they are growing in the container. Apply a good layer of mulch, water to get established and then enjoy.

Your children or grandchildren will love looking at flowers that remind them of Mickey Mouse or firecrackers.

Nothing but being patient is hard about growing these plants. The reward starts by mid summer, and by fall, your friends and neighbors will be jealous.

In early summer, pinch growth off a bit and more branching will follow. Feed in mid summer and again in early fall with a light appli-

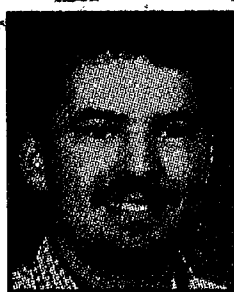
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Soft Focus



Professional photographer Sandra Clark, in the garden behind her home in Bay St. Louis. Clark's photos have been published in several different publications, including Vogue magazine and her own book of collected works.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins



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by Shannon Jenkins
Staff Writer

Bay's Sandra Clark has a storied past — and an eye toward a bright future

Ever since my brother and his wife gave me a neon orange 110 camera as a gift before a trip to the Baton Rouge Zoo, I've been interested in photography.

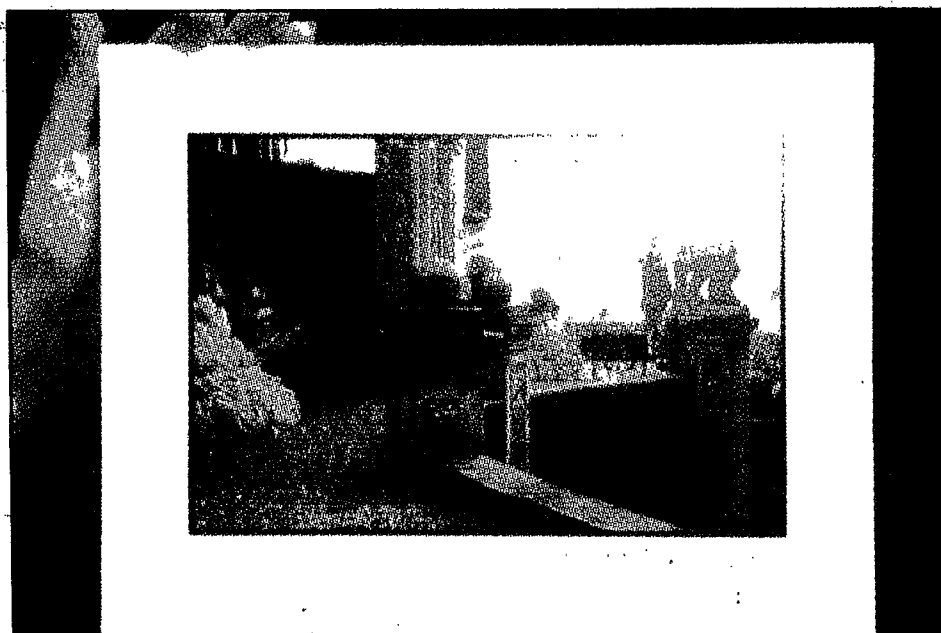
Granted, at age 12 I was no Ansel Adams, but I sure tried. Despite cutting off heads and taking pictures of a whole lot of nothing, I was hooked. As the years went by, I gradually refined my skills as a photographer and began to study those photographers who actually knew what they were doing.

After moving to this area six

months ago, I was browsing through one of my favorite galleries in Old Town when I happened upon the work of one such photographer. The photographs weren't the regular black-and-white photographs I had been tinkering around with since college; they were uniquely surreal with touches of pale color. The photographs appeared as if the photographer had taken pictures inside her dreams.

I recently had a chance to meet this inspiring photographer at her charming home in Bay St. Louis and discuss how she came to be such an accomplished picture-taker.

From the moment I stepped through Sandra Russell Clark's door, I felt at home. I'm not sure if it was because she's a fellow photographer or because she's simply a friendly person. Maybe it was both. Or, possibly, it was her flip-flop-like sandals that



One of Clark's works on display at Serenity Gallery.

slapped against the floor as she walked; I wear flip-flops all the time. It must be a photography thing.

With flip-flops aside, Clark indulged me with a tour of her darkroom and a glance of her book, "Elysium: A Gathering of Souls," which showcases her surreal photography of New Orleans cemeteries.

After only a few minutes of conversation, I realized Clark had accomplished many of the plans I had for my own photography

career. She has had a book of her photography published, has traveled with camera in hand and has worked for a magazine. I only hope to be so lucky.

Clark said her career in photography began in 1976 while she was living in New Orleans and saw an ad in the newspaper about a darkroom class. She had already tried painting and ceramics and hadn't done so well. So, she gave photography a shot.

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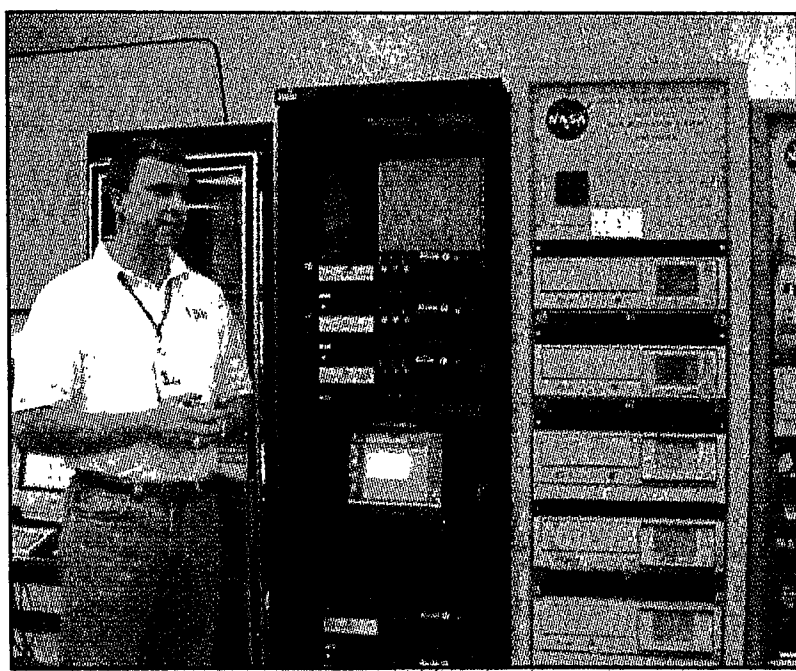


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Boeing Rocketdyne's Paul Lagarde describes the Taxi-100 Direct-to-Disk system, a recent technology improvement at the NASA's Propulsion Test Directorate at Stennis Space Center.

NASA Dual-use Program helps improve
Space Shuttle Main Engine testing

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Every Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) undergoes acceptance testing at Stennis Space Center. During these tests, engineers record instrumentation measurements for engine performance analysis.

A NASA Dual-use Technology Development Program product that records dynamic data directly to a computer disk instead of to magnetic tape has reduced system maintenance and improved delivery of the data product.

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'This system has dramatically improved the quality of the ... product and provided some tools with which the health of the system can be determined in a more timely manner.'

we record both high- and low-speed test data," said NASA's Randy Holland, electrical design and analysis lead engineer with the Propulsion Test Directorate (PTD) at Stennis.

"Static pressures, for example, change in milliseconds during an engine test and are considered low-speed data. High-speed dynamic measurements,

such as acceleration, change considerably faster, in microseconds, and require specialized acquisition and recording systems."

To monitor engine test dynamic data, SSME rocket test engineers once recorded all high-speed data onto specialized mag-

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Entertainment

Vicki Lawrence and 'Mama' to appear at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis



Vicki Lawrence as herself; and below, as "Mama."



THE SEA COAST ECHO

Vicki Lawrence, the multi-talented recording artist and star of television and stage, plus her alter ego "Mama" will grace the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and on sale at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

Lawrence's career began when, during her senior year of high school, she sent Carol Burnett a letter that included a local newspaper article mentioning their resemblance and inviting Burnett to the local fire department's "Miss Fireball Contest" in which she was performing. Burnett, looking for an actress to play her kid sister on her new variety series, made arrangements to come to the event.

The rest is television history. "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered in the fall of 1967; the same year Lawrence entered UCLA to study Theater Arts.

She spent eleven years with Burnett, earning one Emmy Award and five Emmy nominations. She also earned a gold record in 1973 for the international hit, "The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia."

After the Burnett show ended, Lawrence went on to star in her own TV series, "Mama's Family" with Ken Berry, Dorothy Lyman, Beverly Archer, and Allan Kayser.

The last original episode

was made in January of 1990, completing five years of first-run syndication. The show still can be seen daily throughout most of the country.

Since then, she has been the host the game show "Win, Lose or Draw," had her own talk show "Vicki" which earned her a Daytime Emmy nomination, and was briefly the host of "Fox After Breakfast." On stage Lawrence has appeared in numerous productions, including "Carousel," "Send Me No Flowers," "No, No, Nanette," and most recently, live from the Grand Ole Opry, "Nonsense 3: The Jamboree" which aired on TNN.

Lawrence also travels all over the country speaking to women's organizations about her life and career, women's health, and being a woman in a man's world.

All the while she approaches everything with her characteristic sense of humor, reminding us that "Life is much too serious to be taken seriously!"

In 1995 Simon and Schuster published her autobiography entitled "Vicki!: The True Life Adventures of Miss Fireball."

In 1974 Lawrence married the head of CBS make-up, Al Schultz, who is both her best friend and professional partner; they have two children, Courtney, 26, and Garrett, 24.

In their spare time Al and

Vicki enjoy yacht racing and own a 70-foot sloop named, fittingly, "Vicki." Must be 21 to attend.

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The last time Williams was on the Coast it was the late 1990's and he sold out the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

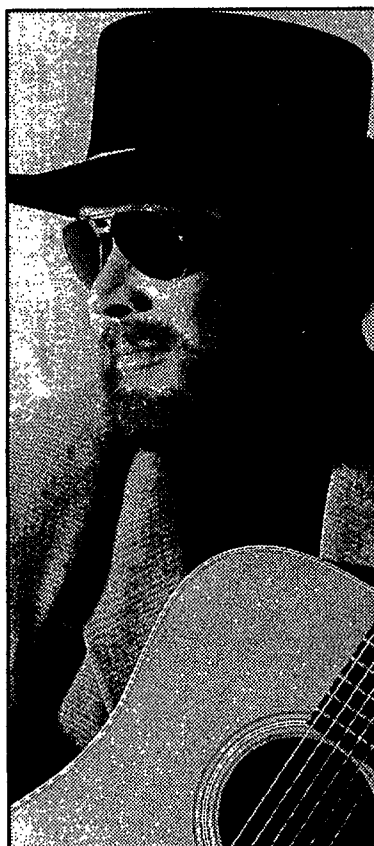
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Throughout the 80's Hank Jr. dominated the country music industry.



Hank Williams Jr.

He was named Entertainer of the Year three times by the Academy of Country Music, and twice by the Country Music Association.

He released smash singles that included classics like "A Country Boy Can Survive," "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight," and "Born To Boogie."

He earned 24 gold and 10 platinum albums, one double platinum, and "Hank

Williams Jr.'s Greatest Hits" is certified quadruple platinum. In 1990, he won a Grammy for "There's a Tear in My Beer," which was an electronically-enabled duet with his father Hank Williams Sr.

But it was the anthem, "Are You Ready For Some Football?" that shot Bocephus to international stardom.

In 1989 he was commissioned by ABC Sports to write and perform the opening segment for Monday Night Football.

His work earned him the first of four Emmy Awards by a country artist. Broadcast all over the globe, Hank Jr. became a symbol of America, which endures today.

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PRCC grad has had to overcome obstacles

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mary Christine Aultman's commencement speech to Friday's summer graduation class at Pearl River Community College will be "based on the determination to succeed."

Aultman, of Seminary, says she will stress how important education is to realizing your dream. "If you want to do something with your life, you have to have an education," she said.

Aultman's message to some 135 graduates in M.R. White Coliseum on the PRCC campus will be based on her own personal experiences, about how she made the long trek from being a high school dropout to receiving her certificate of proficiency in practical nursing at age 47, and all the obstacles in between.

The challenges she faced were many. It started in Seminary when she dropped out of high school for family financial reasons. She married and later got her GED (General Education Development).

Along the way she worked at Covington County Hospital as a nursing technician and in the



Mary Christine Aultman

nursery. She also worked some at a Dollar General.

She started college work on and off with the idea of one day becoming a nurse. "I had studied some toward a nursing degree, but then my husband (Danny) got sick," said Aultman. "He was diagnosed three or four years ago with a brain tumor."

Since then, he has had two brain surgeries, the last one in November of 2000. It left him with dementia. He has to have a lot of care at home.

"He is able to do personal needs, but as far as taking medications and such, we have to help him. He is also

not able to drive."

Aultman was caring for Danny, as well as their 4 year-old daughter Danielle. One of her sons, Jonathan Holifield, a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, was also living at home.

"The doctor told me that I needed to make a living for Danielle and me," said Aultman. "He told me to think about going back to school."

So last summer she applied for the nursing program at PRCC's Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg. She went through the interview process and got accepted.

"I was thrilled because that was my dream," she said. "I've always wanted to be a nurse since I was 9 years old. I feel like it is something I can do to help somebody have a better day. I get a blessing from it."

Returning to school presented Aultman with more challenges. Since they had only one car, the 50-mile daily round trip required help from her family with such things as baby sitting Danielle. Her other two sons, who also live in town, helped out.

"What Mary had was sheer determination," said Susan Bedwell, practical nursing instructor. "We are with these students 40 hours a week. Along the way, they have to do clinical, which can be as much as 24 hours a week. She had to go to the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield for a week of training. She got up every morning at 5 to get herself ready and her child ready. Sometimes she had to be there at 7 for clinicals."

Aultman constantly received positive reinforcement at home, from her husband and children. As a result, she maintained a 4.0 grade-point average.

"My family has been very supportive of me," said Aultman. "Without their help, I probably would have had a three-point something. I have just had a real strong determination. I've had obstacles in my way, both financial and with the transportation problems, but I just said to myself that I was not going to let this put me out."

And that's the point she hopes to hammer home with her speech Friday.

"I know it's all been

PRCC graduation ceremony is this Friday

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Some 135 Pearl River Community College students will graduate Friday morning during commencement exercises on the Poplarville campus.

Vocational and technical students will receive their degrees in applied science and certificates of proficiency in the 10 a.m. ceremony in the Marvin R. White Coliseum.

Joshua Ivey of Lucedale (Poplarville campus) will give the invocation, and Theresa Bester of Lumberton (Hattiesburg campus) will give the benediction.

Following remarks by PRCC President William Lewis, the speaker will be Mary Aultman of Seminary.

Dr. J. Cecil Burt, director of the Forrest County campus, will present the roll call of associate degrees in applied science and certificates of proficiency.

One of those graduating Friday is Tracy Weber, 29, of Petal, who will graduate with a certificate of proficiency in practical nursing.

Weber, a mother of two, had to overcome some major obstacles in her life recently. Her older sister died on May 23, a day after her birthday, and her mom passed away 12 days later.

"It has been a very tough, yet rewarding year," she said.

"I am proud of myself. Despite everything that happened, I knew I had to finish for my babies. My husband (Matt) has been very supportive. My classmates stood by me. Concentrating on my school work was very, very difficult at times, but if it wasn't for God, I would not have been able to get through these last few months."

Weber dropped out of Petal High School when her mom was sick. She moved to Orange, Texas, where she graduated from high school in 1992 before joining the Navy. Once out of the Navy in 1994, she and Matt moved back to Mississippi in 1995. They have two children, 5-year-old Maria and 4-year-old Jason.

Weber applied for the

practical nursing program at PRCC in April, 2001, and was accepted. "I always wanted to be a nurse," she said. "I finally said to myself that I was going to do it. My husband was all for it."

Losing her sister and her mom within a two-week span near the end of her quest for a degree did not keep her from achieving her goal in life. But it was tough.

"My church (Mars Hill Baptist Church) was very supportive," she said.

"They cooked supper for us and brought it to us. They helped me through some tough times. Our pastor preached at my mom's funeral. After I graduate, a (nursing) job would be a dream come true for me."

PRCC will also pin 16 practical nursing students in a formal ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

Those students include Tanya Lindell Morgan, Shelley Elaine Hickman, Kimberly Anne Lee and Susan Blondell Winkler of Picayune; Tiffany N.

Jefferson, Shanda Ann Keaton and Deidra Yvette Owens of Poplarville; Ashley Thigpen Johnson, Jennifer Whitney Spiers and Becky Patterson Watkins of Carriere; Janet S. Montgomery and Mica Sauls of Columbia; Julie Anne Katerski of Purvis; Holly Elaine Autumn Bounds of Sumrall; Tameka Lashun Tillman of Lumberton and Kamajlit Patrice Thompson of Jayess.

VFW ladies attend state convention

On June 21-23, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary of the Department of Mississippi held their annual state convention in Tupelo.

James Gordon, Department commander, conducted the VFW meetings, and Judy Patterson, Auxiliary president, conducted the Ladies Auxiliary meetings.

National representatives were John E. Moon for the VFW and Joanne Ott for the ladies auxiliary.

The following officers were elected and installed June 23 for the ensuing 2002-2003 year: Johnnie Richard, Department commander; Jerry Beaird, senior vice commander; and Johnny Ramey, junior vice commander; Ann Marinovich, president; Sue Richard, senior vice president; Bettye Mott, Jr. vice president; Janice White, treasurer; Carolyn

Verucchi, chaplain; Linda Butler, conductress; and Maggie Richardson guard. Dianne Brown was appointed chief of staff, and Rosene Brown was appointed secretary.

The theme Commander Richard chose for the 2002-2003 year is "The Best Never Rest," and President Marinovich chose "Love and Hugs Make Magic Happen."

Commander Richard said, "Whether in war or peace-keeping mission, our veterans and their families are the common bonds that keep us focused on our goals. All our programs, from Americanism to youth

activities, are designed to strengthen our bond with our veterans and our communities."

Members attending from VFW and Ladies Auxiliary were Cindy Schoonmaker, president; and Merline Mitchell, auxiliary member.

Schoonmaker received a trophy and certificate for Auxiliary President of the Year for District 1.

She also received a plaque from Commander Gordon and President Patterson for her work with the families of the Mississippi soldiers who were deployed to Bosnia on a peace-keeping mission.

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Shuttle -- testing improvements

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netic tapes. The tapes, however, required high maintenance on the recorders, and processing the information into usable data was time consuming.

The Taxi-100 Direct to Disk system, developed by Integrated Systems consultants (ISC) of San Jose, Calif., and Omni Technologies of New Orleans, La., is an interface system that uses fiber optics to transfer high-speed dynamic data from an engine test directly to a computer disk drive.

The new system eliminates the need for tape, thus saving the time it takes to transfer the data from tape to disk, and reduces maintenance costs, particularly for the high data volume from long

duration testing.

The Dual-use Technology Development Program is based on the sharing of costs, risks and successes between the government and a commercial partner. In dual-use projects, NASA contributes unique facilities and knowledge, engineering resources and funding. In turn, the commercial partner contributes its unique resources, facilities, manufacturing and marketing capabilities, and potential cash. "The Taxi-100 system is saving the Propulsion Test Directorate time and money, and helping them provide a better product," said NASA's Kirk Sharp, manager of the Office of Technology Transfer at Stennis.

"In addition, the product

has been made commercially available, making it an excellent example of a dual-use success." The system may also be applicable at other rocket test facilities that could benefit from increased efficiency in repetitive high-volume data handling.

The evaluation of high-speed, or dynamic, data is critical to the evaluation of engine performance. "We record dynamic conditions like pressure to evaluate combustion stability," said NASA's Lee Johns, instrumentation engineer at Stennis. "What we're trying to avoid are oscillations that cause disruptions or damage, and, in turn, compromise safety and efficiency."

Stennis engineer Paul Lagarde of Boeing

Rocketdyne directed the systems integration of the Taxi-100 in the A-Complex.

"What used to take hours now takes minutes," said Lagarde. "This system has dramatically improved the quality of the high-speed data acquisition product and provided some tools with which the health of the system can be determined in a more timely manner."

The time and labor saved by the Taxi-100 system also translate into cost savings.

"We enjoyed doing business with NASA," said Bruce Newman of ISC. "We worked with very smart people and produced a new product for NASA which otherwise would have been shelved. The dual-use contract mechanism is an effective tool to transfer ideas to products."

Clark -- Focus

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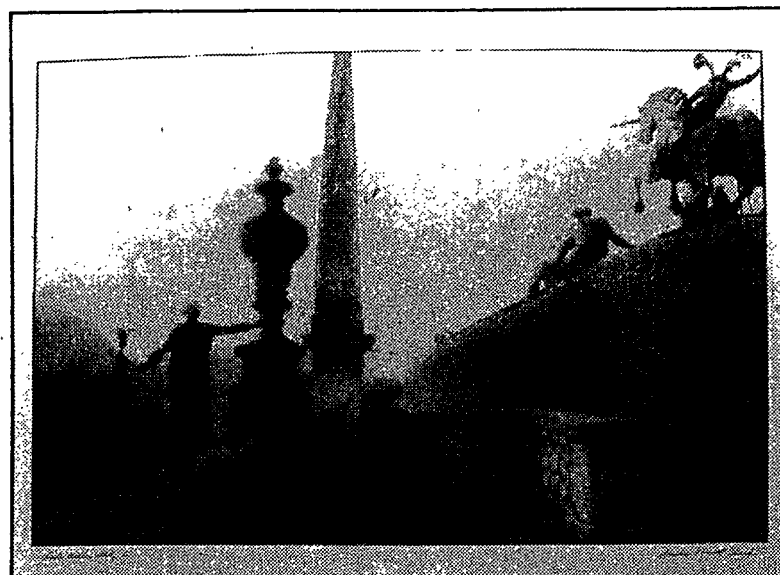
"I took the class under David Richmond," she said. (Richmond served as a photographer for the *Gambit*, New Orleans' weekly newspaper.) "He was really supportive."

After the four-week class, Clark said Richmond liked her work so much that he displayed some of it in an exhibition. When the show was critiqued, Clark received good reviews.

"I thought, 'This is something I can do,'" she said.

Clark then went back to New York, where she spent her summers. She met another photographer in Long Island and went with him to New Mexico. During her stay in the Southwest, Clark worked at Center of the Eye, a photography collaborative.

"Some of the males in my class said my work was too feminine," she said. So, Clark began fashioning her style after other photographers and soon discovered that the work was not her



One of Clark's works on display at Serenity Gallery.

own. "This isn't me," she said of the new photography. "But it was a good experiment."

It was then she decided to photograph the images she was drawn to.

When Clark moved back to New Orleans, she landed a position at the Contemporary Art Center as director of photography

after helping organize a show.

In the early 1980s, Clark began working on series; her first was "Louisiana Dreamscapes."

As she grew as a photographer, more and more people began collecting her work. Her photographs soon caught the eye of a man from New York who was visiting New Orleans and

bought one of her pieces at the World's Fair in 1984. It wasn't much later that she received a call from *Vogue* magazine.

Clark said she was surprised that *Vogue* wanted her to photograph for its travel section, but gladly accepted the job. While on assignment in Miami, Clark got interested in photographing gardens. She decided she wanted to photograph the gardens of Europe. Clark received support from her collectors and soon found herself photographing gardens in Italy, France, England and Spain.

"It was crazy," she said. "I

did 30 gardens in 60 days in four countries."

After meeting Clark, my determination to become an accomplished photographer was fueled. Although I hope to visit Europe one day with a trusty pair of flip-flops and a camera in hand, I'll leave the gardens to Clark, who has done a splendid job already.

Garden -- cigars, mouse ears

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cation of a balanced, slow-released fertilizer.

Both varieties are drought tolerant, but watering during long dry periods will pay dividends come fall.

Remember the bat faced cuphea can grow 2 feet tall and the cigar or firecracker cuphea can reach 3 to 5 feet tall. Plant where the kids can see them and watch the

hummingbirds feed.

Use them informally in the garden rather than lined up like soldiers. They work well with zinnias and firebush, or planted in front of cannas and upright-type elephant ears.

The bat-faced cuphea mostly is sold generically, but Georgia Scarlet and Tiny Mice are well known

selections. The cigar plant is sold generically, but there are several named varieties of its much smaller cousin *C. ignea*, often called cigarette plant.

If you like the Mexican Heather, you will like the other cupheas, too.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State

Orientation at PRCC draws record numbers of students

Last week's orientation and early registration for new students at Pearl River Community College produced the largest crowd ever for the summer session, according to school officials.

By participating in the orientation and early registration sessions, new students received their class schedules for the coming fall term, learned about campus life and opportunities, met other students and talked with administrators, faculty and staff.

"Orientation is beneficial for new students," said Adam Breerwood, PRCC's new Director of Recruitment and Orientation. "It gives students an opportunity to visit our campus, meet school

officials and get answers to all of their questions regarding campus life.

"We believe orientation is essential in helping students make a smooth transition to college life."

The orientation session featured some 715 students, most from Pearl River Community College's six-county district, including Forrest, Lamar, Hancock, Marion, Jefferson Davis and Pearl River.

School officials are anticipating another record enrollment this fall. In 2001, PRCC's fall enrollment reached 3,448 students on both the Poplarville and Hattiesburg campuses, a 14 percent increase over fall enrollment in 2000 and the largest ever in the school's

93-year history.

"I am extremely pleased with the turnout we had this year for orientation," said Breerwood. "It is evident that citizens in our surrounding communities are beginning to realize the quality product that Pearl River Community College has to offer."

New students enrolling in classes at the Poplarville campus who did not attend orientation and registration in July should plan to attend orientation at 8:30 a.m. Monday, or Tuesday, Aug. 15-16, in the Nursing Building on the Poplarville campus.

For additional information, contact the Office of Guidance, Recruitment and Orientation at (601) 403-1197.

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If the Dixie tournament was a reflection of how the World Series was conducted, then it was a huge success.

The city of New Orleans played host to four different tournaments from July 19 to 23 for the State Championship. All accounts of the tournament were huge success.

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Dixie Softball Tourney a HUGE success

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

If the Dixie Softball state tournament was any indication of how the 2003 Dixie World Series will be conducted, then it ought to be a huge success.

The city of Bay St. Louis played host to 12 teams in four different age divisions from July 19 through July 23 for the Dixie Softball State Championships. By all accounts, the tournament was nothing short of a huge success.

Only one complaint was heard during the entire tournament. That complaint concerned the violent weather system that passed through the area on Sunday afternoon. However, weather patterns are out of human control, so can that really be classified as a complaint.

East Central claimed two of the four state championships while Pascagoula and the Harrison/Hancock team claimed the other two.

East Central brought home titles in the 11-12 year old division and the 16-18 age group. Pascagoula won the 13-15 group while the 9-10 year old Harrison/Hancock team brought home the hardware.

The Bay St. Louis All-Stars brought home the Sportsmanship Award in the 11-12 and 13-15 age divisions.

State Tournament director Lonnie Falgout stated,



The Harrison-Hancock 9-10 Girls All-Star Fastpitch team won the district championship in Vancleave, MS, on July 9th and the state championship in Bay St. Louis, on July 22nd. In a total of 8 games played, they have earned 104 runs and given up only 11. The girls will represent the state of Mississippi at the Dixie Youth World Series in Eufaula, AL, beginning Aug. 2, 2002.

"The tournament was a huge success. Now, we have a gauge on what it will take for us to host the 2003 World Series. With the exception of the very bad weather on Sunday afternoon, everything went smooth. Following the storm, we had several organizations help us get back on our feet. The City of Bay St. Louis and Ronnie Vanney, Jay Cuevas and Hancock County, and Fire Marshall Richard Pate all helped out to get us going again on Monday."

Both of East Central's titles came at the hands of Luka. Harrison/Hancock defeated Luka for their title while Pascagoula ousted

Corinth for the trophy. Luka is participating in this fastpitch league for the first year and claimed the runner-up spot in three of the four divisions. Another first-year program, Corinth, represented the other state runner-up.

The Bay All-Stars 11-12 year old team spanked Franklin County 22-6 on Saturday afternoon with some impressive bats. Leaders at the plate for the Bay team were Kimberly Jordan with a two-run homerun, Stephanie Williamson with a dinger, Karlei Renz with a triple and Devon Swanier with a double.

The win by the Bay

Ponytails earned them the right to play Luka on Sunday evening. Luka eliminated the Bay team to set up the title game with East Central.

The Bay 13-15 year old team fell to Pascagoula 7-3 on Monday evening. Kate Sullivan played a consistent game on the mound for the Bay team and even tied the game with an RBI single at one point. However, Goula had just enough to hold on in the final inning for the win. Pascagoula went on to claim the division state title.

In the 9-10 year old division, the Bay team was eliminated by Luka on Monday evening by the score of 10-9 to finish the tournament in third place.

Falgout ended, "It was just a great tournament. We got tremendous help from Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Hancock County. Attendance was much better than we had anticipated. This was not only a great event for the city and the county, but also for the Coast. The teams that visited us from out of the area traveled the Coast trying to do and see as much as possible. The staff, volunteers, and umpires were outstanding. I can't say enough to those people. It was just a huge success."

Bay St. Louis has shown that they can put on a good show for the state. Now, the World Series awaits in August of 2003.

Basketball camp puts bounce in summer

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

No, it is not the NBA playoffs or the NCAA Final Four; however, basketball fever is at an all-time high in Hancock County. It is that time of the summer again when the Ladner clan puts on their annual Gulf Coast School of Basketball. For the 15th consecutive year, cousins Jay and Michael Ray Ladner hit the hardwood for a week of fun.

The Gulf Coast School of Basketball enjoyed one of its biggest turnouts in history July 22 through July 25 at St. Stanislaus. The camp entertained over 120 campers of various ages.

The campers participated in fun drills and contests and learned from some of the South's best teachers of the game.

Camp director Jay Ladner commented, "It has

been an outstanding camp. The campers worked hard and have been great to teach. It says a lot for our community when in the middle of July we have so many young players wanting to come to camp. The staff has been outstanding. We have former Mississippi State University head coach Richard Williams on staff and that would be enough to make the camp outstanding; however, we have some of the game's best teachers on staff. We have Bryan Caldwell from Gulfport, representatives from Biloxi High School and Harrison Central High School, as well as, the entire SSC staff. We feel that this is the most outstanding camp of its kind in the state and we strive to give the campers the best instruction we can."

While the campers receive some of the best

instruction in the fundamentals of the game, they learn to perfect their techniques with enthusiastic games of one-on-one, three-on-three, and other various drills.

Former Mississippi State University head coach Richard Williams was on staff during the camp. Williams led his Bulldogs to the SEC Championship and NCAA Final Four in 1996 and has coached NBA players like Eric Dampier and Dontae Jones. Williams stated, "Jay and Michael have been doing this for 15 years. They know what they are doing with this camp. But, what really impresses me the most is the enthusiasm that they exhibit with the camp, the campers, and their staff. They make the camp fun for everyone. The staff that they have compiled are

some of the game's best teachers. This is very fun for me. I enjoy working with the kids. It doesn't matter the age. I just love the game of basketball and being around it. I feel very fortunate to have the friendship that I have with Jay Ladner. He lets me hang around and be part of the great game of basketball."

J. Larry Ladner, the father of Jay Ladner, was a guest speaker for the camp. Larry Ladner, a basketball legend in the state of Mississippi, was the head coach at Picayune Memorial High School before heading to the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. At USM, Ladner is Professor Emeritus and basketball specialist in the Department of Athletic Administration and Coaching.

Ladner leads South All-Stars to 97-94 win

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus College head basketball coach Jay Ladner led his South Mississippi All-Star team to a 97-94 win over the North All-Stars in the annual classic held at Mississippi College in Clinton on Thursday, July 18.

Ladner was chosen as the South's head coach after leading his St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws to the Class 4A state semi-finals back in

February. On the way to the state semis, Ladner's team won the Division 7 Class 4A title, placed third in the South State tournament, and knocked off the defending Class 4A state champion Oxford Chargers before succumbing late in the game to the Picayune Maroon Tide. Ladner accomplished all that with a starter that was not taller than six feet.

Ladner commented, "It was just a great game. The

real challenge in an all-star game is getting the team to play hard and play together. Every person on the team is used to being the star on their team. Getting them out of that mode and back into a team mode is the biggest challenge. Then, finding the right combinations on the floor was a challenge. ... I was very familiar with about three of the players in Byron Griffith from Picayune, Gulfport's A. J. Magee, and

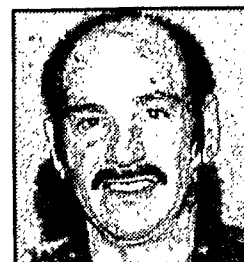
Harrison Central's Fred Kennedy. These three players and myself were very familiar with each other and what we were trying to do on the floor.

"The players responded to what we were doing. It was a great experience for them and for myself. We played hard and we played together. It was a great honor for me to represent St. Stanislaus, the program, and our players in the event."

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83 Items For Sale

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93 Yard Sale

10065 PARADISE LANE, off Drinkwater. Friday, Saturday, 7/26, 7/27, 8:00-12:00.

96 Wanted To Buy

913 SEARS, WAVELAND. SAT 9-12 Misc. items, tools, Lawn mower, clothing, Jewelry. No Early Birds.

YARD SALE

Benefitting DUNBAR VILLAGE Saturday, July 27th 8am-2pm (No early birds!!) 725 Dunbar, Bay St. Louis. All proceeds will be used to improve our residents' Activities Program. Rain day - Sunday, August 4th

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BIG YARD SALE. RAIN OR SHINE. Some of everything, bunk beds, Go-Kart, glasswork, truck bed liner. Fri. 7/26 and Sat. 7/27. 118 Marcie Lane, Waveland. (Off OST)

DIAMONDHEAD S.P.C.A., Botique/Jewelry/Plant Sale, July 27. 8 A.M. firm until noon, Diamondhead Community Center (near front gate, signs). Great selection of new and nearly new items for your family and for gift-giving, featuring new costume jewelry at very low prices. Some artist decorated furniture. Gorgeous plants. Checks accepted with I.D. Prices unbeatable.

HWY 603 JUST NORTH OF BAYOU La Croix Bridge. Sat, July 27th, 8am-11am. Bedroom set, dining room set, other furniture and odds & ends.

IN-DOOR FLEA MARKET: VFW 208 3rd St., Sat, July 27, 8am-4pm. Table rental \$5.00. Call Jeannie. 467-8322.

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SAT 7-11. YARD SALE, 3 FAMILIES Sale. Goodies galore, Cheap. 260 Washington St. BSL

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YARD SALE. SAT 7/27. 8am-11am 244 St. Charles St., BSL. No Early Birds.

YARD SALE: FRI & SAT, 7:00am-till. 542 DeMontluzin Ave. BSL.

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ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES. TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

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LARGE 1 BEDROOM, All electric, central heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hook-up, water included. 202'A' Hancock, BSL. \$390/month, \$350/deposit. Pet free. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

LARGE 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC. Central heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hook-up, water included. 202'A' Hancock, BSL. \$500/month, \$400/deposit. Petfree. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1 BEDROOM FURNISHED TRAILER. Private, quiet, 1 mile past alligator sign off Hwy 90. \$300.00 rent. \$150.00 deposit. Pet free. 467-3827.

1BR TRAILER. ELECTRIC, SEWER & cable paid. \$300/mo. 466-0437. Bayside Park.

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

NEWLY REMODELED: Two Bedroom trailer, Kiln area. All electric appliances, central air & heat. \$400. per month with \$200. deposit. Section 8 welcomed. 255-6012 or 493-4150.

SMALL 1 BEDROOM TRAILER. Utilities & cable paid. \$100/week & \$125/deposit. (228)463-9674.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

12'X60' MOBILE HOME FOR SALE. Recently remodeled. Asking \$6,500. 255-5961.

FOR SALE-1998 SOUTHRIDGE 16ft. x 68ft.-2 bedrooms-2baths-House Trailer in Ideal Trailer Park, Ruella St., Bay St. Louis-Owner Financing 228-467-4594 or 228-467-2142.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2BR/1BA, CENTRAL HEAT/AIR, fenced yard, recently renovated interior. \$640/month. \$400/deposit. 466-2863.

FOR LEASE: HOMES, Apartments, Townhouses, new construction. Prices from \$450.00 to \$900.00 per month. Call Chari Rapp, Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

WAVELAND, SMALL 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, washer dryer hookups. \$475. a month plus deposit. 452-7281.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

SMALL QUALITY FISH CAMP on waterway. For yearly lease, \$650-\$750, includes utilities. (337)781-8526.

156 Lots/Acreage

1 ACRE FOR SALE: Located in Kiln, cleared, driveway and water setup. Asking \$12,000. Call 228-323-5122, 601-916-8379.

1-1/2 ACRES IN SILVER CREEK. 467-8586.

CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision. Beautiful 3 acre lots, wooded, waterfront, 5 mins. to beach, 20 mins. to NASA. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave., between Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore rail crossings. See to appreciate. 466-0688.

DIAMONDHEAD LOTS FOR SALE. 737 Ahi St. & 9934 Anahula. Owner Financing available. 255-7728 or 880-4740.

FOR SALE: FOUR BEAUTIFUL Cleared lots, Bayside Park. Well, sewage, quiet area. Owner financing. only \$100.00 down. Monthly terms 228-467-5734.

LAND FOR SALE, 5 ACRES, \$10,000 per acre, negotiable. Can be divided. Hill Brooke Lane, Pass Christian. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493. Leave message.

LARGE BUILDING LOT: Waveland, fantastic area, all utilities. Owner financing available. Only \$250.00 down. Terms to suit your budget. 228-467-5734.

LOTS 6 & 5, 8TH ST., SHORELINE Park. \$4,000. Lot 10 Rigley, Bayside Park. 60x160 \$2,000. 504-662-5285.

TWO 50X100 LOTS: 20x60 FT. Trailer, \$8,000.00. 467-9854.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

1,500 SQ FOOT OFFICE SPACE & 1,500 sq foot warehouse. Hwy 90 next to Waveland PD. Deposits and leases required. 467-3935.

1100 SQ FT OFFICE ON HWY 90 B.S.L. \$850/month. 467-5011.

1100 SQ.FT. OFFICE SUITE AVAILABLE for rent in Diamondhead. Perfect for professional. Adjacent to Dental office. 255-6657.

FOR RENT 1019 & 1021 HWY 90, Bay St. Louis, next to Bailey Lumber! Approx. 1,630 sq. ft. each side. \$800-\$1,000. John Harris. 467-8121.

158 Commercial Property

FORMER "TUSCANA" BUILDING, in Depot District. Lease or rent, 1500/sq.ft., AC, recent renovation. Available 8/1/02. Phone 467-6376, pager 1-888-815-9541, 850-232-7637.

159 Houses For Sale

2BR/2BA HOME ON 1 ACRE LOT, Diamondhead. New roof, kitchen and ceramic tile. Brick fireplace and cathedral ceiling. \$68,500. 463-9912 or 466-3959.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. Separate dining area, like new throughout. \$48,500. Call 467-1977.

3BR/1-1/2BA, BRICK, Completely renovated, 6 miles North of Kiln. \$73,000. 228-255-1392.

3BR/2BA BRICK, 2 ACRES fenced. Shade & fruit trees. 2 workshops. Close to hospital. 2020 Hugo St. BSL. 228-255-5206.

BRICK HOUSE, PICAYUNE, 3 bedrooms. Large lot, \$68,000. Owner can help with down payment. 504-392-4126 or 228-533-7979.

BY OWNER CONVENIENTLY Located in the heart of BSL. 3br/1-1/2ba, 1444 sq. ft. Totally renovated, on large private ground, pool and pool house. Priced right. \$89,900. 467-5975 day, 463-0334 evenings/weekends.

DH - 9738 POKAI ST. 2BR/1.5BA, 1 car garage, privacy fenced back yard, \$75,000.00 586-2179.

DIAMONDHEAD 3BR-2BA HOUSE By Owner. Metal roof, sunroom, 2-car garage. Also adjacent lot. 255-5355.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing costs. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

NEW HOME FOR SALE. 3BR/2BA. Double garage, 1,860 sq. ft. 125 Marcie Lane, Waveland. 467-5691.

NEWLY BUILT 3BR/2BA Cathedral ceilings, fire place. Excellent location. w/Home-Warranty Gold Coast. 228-467-4907, 228-467-4479.

REDUCED FROM \$250,000 TO \$237,900. 3BR/2BA. High ceilings, hardwood floors, apartment upstairs, 3 decks, 3,000 sq. ft. 467-3271.

REDUCED, NEW, OWNER FINANCE: 3br/2ba, cathedral ceiling, fireplace, brick. \$89,500 \$40,000/down. Total note \$835/includes tax/insurance. Corner of Margie & Ryan, Waveland. Call 228-467-4479 or goldcoastrealty2000.com.

SPACIOUS 3BR/2BA, 1,550SQ FT., Open floor plan, fire place, double garage w/lots of cabinets, brick patio, pecan trees. \$124,900. 466-0775.

TRIPLEX, OWNER FINANCE. 10% down/77.75% Equals \$1080.89 mortgage. Rent income is \$1425.00. Includes appliances. 321 ABC EasternBorch. \$159,000. 467-2545, 504-669-9552.

Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DONALD KETH THOMAS, D/B/A AMERICAN BOND, INC., PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
HELEN DARLENE NORRIS and JOSEPH CHARLES NORRIS, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 02-0278

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: HELEN DARLENE NORRIS and JOSEPH CHARLES NORRIS, aka DAVID BOOKER, WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY YOU HAVE BEEN MADE DEFENDANTS IN A COMPLAINT FILED IN THIS COURT BY THE PLAINTIFF OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER SEEKING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Zach Buttenworth, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 S. Beach Blvd., Suite 5, P.O. Drawer 228, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days or a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint.
You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of Court within a reasonable time after the date of this publication of this Notice, or it will be forever barred.
This 28th day of June, 2002.
BOKENFOHR D. KEARNS
Executor of the Estate of Thomas C. Kearns
07/04/02; 07/11/02; 07/18/02

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ZACH BUTTENWORTH, Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS C. KEARNS
CAUSE NO. 2002-471
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520
PLAINTIFF
ROBERT M. HOGAN
VERSUS
HEIRS AT LAW OF THELMA ROONEY, DECEASED
SUMMONS (Service by Publication)
CASE NO. 2002-301

TO: The Heirs at Law of THELMA ROONEY of Hancock County, Mississippi, and whose last known street address is 3011 13th Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made Defendant in the lawsuit filed in the County by Robert M. Hogan, Plaintiff whose address is 12145 highway 23 Bellechance Louisiana 70037. The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging that the heirs set forth in the Complaint to Open the Administration are the heirs of Thelma Rooney, deceased, and seeking to so adjudicate the heirs of said decedent.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to PAMELA M. WEST, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose street and post office address is #2 Oak Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

You are further summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint at 9:30 A.M. on the 22nd day of August, 2002, at the Hancock County Chancery Court Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered for the relief demanded.

Witness my signature and official seal this 16 day of July, 2002.
(SEAL)

By Enca Candebat, Deputy Clerk
Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk of Court
07/18/02; 07/25/02; 08/01/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF O. CLARK WEBSTER
CAUSE NO. 2002-478
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
O. CLARK WEBSTER

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of July, 2002, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of O. Clark Webster, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registry according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred. This 1st day of July, 2002.

BETSY WILKINS WEBSTER HUTCHISON
Executor of the Estate of O. Clark Webster
07/04/02; 07/11/02; 07/18/02; 07/25/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARRIE BISHOP, DECEASED
MARRIE BISHOP, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. 2002-503
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Heirs at Law of Marrie Bishop, Deceased. All unknown parties in interest. You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Marrie Bishop, Plaintiff, seeking to determine heirs-at-law and rightful death beneficiaries in the Matter of Marrie Bishop, Deceased. Defendants other than you are NONE.

You are required to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of August, 2002, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8th day of July, 2002.

(SEAL)
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CLERK
CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Janet McArthur, DEPUTY CLERK
07/11/02; 07/18/02; 07/25/02

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07/11/02; 07/18/02; 07/25/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHRIS BELLONE, PLAINTIFF
a/k/a CHRIS IRA BELLONE, PLAINTIFF

JOHN W. LEITZ, JR., ET AL DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
TO: (1) John W. Leitz, Jr., aka John Wm. Leitz, Jr., if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address is 7001 Comberly Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70128, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of John W. Leitz, Jr., whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (2) Rose Marie Carle Leitz, aka Rose Marie Carle Leitz, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address is 7001 Comberly Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70128, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Rose Marie Carle Leitz, aka Rose Marie Carle Leitz, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (3) And any and all Other Persons having or claiming an interest in the property described in the complaint.

Lois A through F, Block 25-A, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Chris Bellone a/k/a Chris Ira Bellone, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint; and in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWERS MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Witness my signature and official seal this 9 day of July, 2002.
(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Janet McArthur, DEPUTY CLERK
07/11/02; 07/18/02; 07/25/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS C. KEARNS
CAUSE NO. 2002-471
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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within the contract document to the following address:
Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission
Attn: Site Project Manager
Post Office Box 2267
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
SEALED BID FOR SITE PREPARATION
OR
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY ADDRESS:
Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission
Attn: Site Project Manager
708 Highway 90
Waveland, MS 39576
*SEALED BID FOR SITE PREPARATION
The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to waive any formalities and/or reject any and all bids received as well as to postpone the award of any contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening.
(SEAL)

**HANCOCK COUNTY
PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION**
By Harry J. Favre, Secretary
07/18/02 07:25:02

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 2, 1999, JUDY A. HAND and PAUL T. HAND executed a certain deed of trust to Jeffrey M. Ruben, Trustee, for the benefit of HOMEAMERICA CREDIT INC. D/B/A UPLAND MORTGAGE, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, in Book 573, Page 355, and
WHEREAS, HOMEAMERICA CREDIT INC. D/B/A UPLAND MORTGAGE has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated July 1, 2002 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 701 at Page 230 and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, HOMEAMERICA CREDIT INC. D/B/A UPLAND MORTGAGE, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 8, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence run North 398.64 feet to the place of beginning; thence West 250.0 feet; thence North 251.36 feet; thence East 250.0 feet; thence South 251.36 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; and being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

The above described property is also subject to that certain deed of trust dated February 5, 1999 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 541 at Page 216.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on July 15, 2002
J. Gary Massey
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P.
1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 981-9299
07/18/02 07:25:01/08/08/02

TO:
MARK HOWELL LACOSTE
12399 TROYVILLE STREET
HAMMOND, LA 70403

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY**
You are hereby notified that on June 19, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Hancock County Narcotics Division pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-153. Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-178 provides for the administrative forfeiture of property other than a controlled substance, raw material or paraphernalia seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
1997 CHEVY MONTE
VIN #1G1G211G0H127798
APPROX. VALUE
\$2,250.00

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Said vehicle being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(4) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended having been used or intended for use to transport or to facilitate the transportation sale receipt possession or concealment of controlled substances or property described in §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE:
If you claim an interest in the above-described property which is subject to the notice under Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176 and wish to contest the forfeiture you must within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice or of the date of the first publication of this Notice file a petition signed by you contesting the forfeiture and requesting judicial review in the county court of a county court exists or otherwise in the circuit court of the county in which the seizure is made or the county (and district) in which the criminal prosecution is brought in order to claim an interest in the property. Upon the filing of the Petition and the payment of the filing fees, service of the petition shall be made on the attorney for the seizing law enforcement agency, and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITION:
Pursuant to Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 10 the Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture should contain a copy of the Petition setting forth the name of court (2) the name of the action including all of the names of the parties (3) the number and (4) a designation as to the relief sought (5) the Petition (Contest Forfeiture). Accordingly, the title should designate all of the above-described property in which you have an interest as the Plaintiff(s) of this action versus the Defendant which is the responding seizing agency. You are deemed the Claimant. PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARTIES MAKING THE CLAIMS. Your Petition should express what your interest is in the property and why you do not believe it should be forfeited. You file such Petition a copy of the Petition must be served upon the attorney or representative providing this Notice by service of process in the same manner as in other civil cases. Said agent for process for the seizing agency can be served at the following address:

Christopher L. Schmidt
Assistant District Attorney
Hancock County Justice Court Bldg
306 Highway 90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

If you do not file such a Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice, the entire debt secured thereby shall be forfeited to the Hancock County Narcotics Division to be used distributed, or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-181. Dated this 3rd day of July 2002.

**NOTICE PROVIDED BY
CONO CARPANA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BY CHRISTOPHER L. SCHMIDT,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
07/25/02 08/01/08/08/02

"PUBLIC NOTICE"

**"TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE TAXPAYERS
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:**
You are hereby notified that said rolls and personnel property assessment rolls of the above named County, for the year 2002 have been equalized according to law, and that said rolls are ready for inspection and examination, and that any objections to said rolls or any assessment thereon contained, shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, on or before the 5th of August, 2002, at his office in the Courthouse of said County, and that all assessments to which no objection is then and there made, will be finally approved by said Board, will be made final by this Board of Supervisors, and that said rolls and the assessments contained therein will be approved by this Board of Supervisors, and that.

"This Board will be in session, for the purpose of hearing objections to the said assessments which may be filed, at the Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, said County and State, on the 5th day of August, 2002.

"2. This Board of Supervisors will remain in session from day to day until all objections, lawfully filed, shall have been disposed of and all proper corrections made in the said rolls.

"Witness the signature and seal of the said Board of Supervisors, this 24th day of July 2002, and,

"THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK COUNTY
(SEAL)

By /s/ Rodrick Pullman
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
3300 N.E. Expressway, Building 8
Atlanta, GA 30341
(770) 234-9181
025201ms/sla
07/25/02 08/01/08/08/02

Ordered and adjudged this July 24, 2002
By /s/ Rodrick Pullman
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
3300 N.E. Expressway, Building 8
Atlanta, GA 30341
(770) 234-9181
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 9th day of June 1992 Ezell P. Butler, an unmarried person, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto D. J. Horacky Trustee for Bridges Mortgage Company Inc. Beneficiary to secure an indebtedness therein described which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 370 at Page 18 and
WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 637 at Page 401 and
WHEREAS, on the 11th day of October, 2001, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Lem Adams III as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 637 at Page 401 and
WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 637 at Page 401 and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Hancock Bank, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Wessler, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on the 9th day of August, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 354 of the Third Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per official map of plat of said City made by E. S. Drake C.E. and filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on May 1, 1923.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM the West 213 feet of said lot measured along its North line as described in a deed from Will T. Hobbs, et al. dated December 31, 1924, and recorded in Vol. D-7, page 89, Deeds Records of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appertaining I will only convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 21st day of July 2002
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
1820 AVENUE OF AMERICA
MONROE, LA 70121
318-330-9020
07/04/07/11/07/18/08/02/02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on December 22, 1999, Deanna J. Adkins executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Charles M. Jackson, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Hancock Bank & Trust Company, to secure an indebtedness therein described which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 577, Pages 384-390 and
WHEREAS, on July 11, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed PRIORITY TRUSTEE SERVICES OF MISSISSIPPI, L.L.C., as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 702, Page 25, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on August 15, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, SQUARE 709, UNIT 11, AS PER THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The above described property is also subject to that certain prior Deed of Trust recorded in Book 357 at Page 649.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 19th day of July 2002
J. Gary Massey
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P.
1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 981-9299
07/25/02 08/01/08/08/02

By /s/ Rodrick Pullman
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
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Ordered and adjudged this July 24, 2002
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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on or about June 25, 1997 Susan M. Snow and Terry Snow executed and delivered for value a Deed of Trust to James R. McIlwain Trustee for the benefit of Hancock Bank & Trust Company, which Deed of Trust appears of record and is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 486 at Pages 146-149 of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, the aforesaid Hancock Bank the present owner and holder of the above described Deed of Trust has heretofore substituted William P. Wessler as Trustee in place and in lieu of James R. McIlwain by instrument dated May 20th, 2002 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Deed of Trust Book 694 at Page 753-755; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Hancock Bank, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Wessler, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on the 9th day of August, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the real property being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 5, UNIT 10, DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGES 60-63 INCLUSIVE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 16th day of July 2002
WILLIAM P. WESSLER,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
MONTGOMERY, BARNETT, BROWN,
READ, HAMMOND & MINTZ, L.L.P.
2304 15TH STREET, SUITE 200
GULFPORT, MS 39503
(228) 863-5334
07/18/07/25/08/01/08/08/02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 20, 2000, Madelyn C. HomeGold, Inc., Successor by Merger to HomeSense Financial Corp., which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 596 at Page 559 thereof; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Hancock Bank & Trust Company, Inc. by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 604 at Page 207 thereof; and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 694 at Page 618 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 26th day of July, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 75 and 76 of Block 19, Harbor Estates First Addition, by Henry Chapman Surveyor, dated July 21, 1956, of record in Plat Book No. 2, Page 17, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on this 26th day of June, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Prepared By: ADAMS & EDENS
Foreclosure Department
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043
(601) 825-9508
07/04/07/11/07/18/08/02/02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2000, Rusty C. Claffin and Debra C. Claffin, executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Frappier, Trustee for the use and benefit of HomeGold, Inc., Successor by Merger to HomeSense Financial Corp., which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 596 at Page 559 thereof; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Hancock Bank & Trust Company, Inc. by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 604 at Page 207 thereof; and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 694 at Page 618 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 26th day of July, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 13, 14 and 15, Square 19 of the Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Hancock County, Mississippi, as shown by the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in the State of Mississippi.

Regarding the property of liens or the status of the title of the subject property and will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on this 26th day of June, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Prepared By: ADAMS & EDENS
Foreclosure Department
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043
(601) 825-9508
07/04/07/11/07/18/08/02/02

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on June 25, 2001, Steven G. Peterson and Charlene G. Anderson, executed a Deed of Trust to Michael P. Lee, Trustee for the use and benefit of Centex Home Equity Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 599 at Page 556 thereof; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for registered holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-C, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-C, without recourse, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 693 at Page 723 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 26th day of July, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, Block 1, Waveland Park Subdivision, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appertaining Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature on this 26th day of June, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
TRUSTEE
Prepared By: ADAMS & EDENS
Foreclosure Department
POST OFFICE BOX 400
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2000, Rusty C. Claffin and Debra C. Claffin, executed a Deed of Trust to Robert Frappier, Trustee for the use and benefit of HomeGold, Inc., Successor by Merger to HomeSense Financial Corp., which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 596 at Page 559 thereof; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Hancock Bank & Trust Company, Inc. by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 604 at Page 207 thereof; and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 694 at Page 618 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 26th day of July, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 13, 14 and 15, Square 19 of the Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Hancock County, Mississippi, as shown by the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in the State of Mississippi.

Regarding the property of liens or the status of the title of the subject property and will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this 8th day of July, 2002
Eric D. Wooten, Substituted Trustee
07/11/07/18/07/25/08/01/02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on August 20, 1993, John Evan Culpepper, executed a Deed of Trust to James F. McKenzie, Trustee, for the benefit of Hancock Bank & Trust Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in Book 395, at Page 706, et seq, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on October 6, 1999, Timothy R. Anderson and Charlene G. Anderson, executed a Deed of Trust to Michael P. Lee, Trustee for the use and benefit of Centex Home Equity Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 599 at Page 556 thereof; and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 693 at Page 723 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 26th day of July, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOTS 13, 14 and 15, Square 19 of the Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Hancock County, Mississippi, as shown by the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appert

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE**
WHEREAS, on the 8th day of February, 2002, Billy J. Wood and wife Bonnie P. Wood, executed a Deed of Trust to Charlotte Roberts, Trustee for the benefit of SBA, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 678, Pages 305-307, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and said County, a Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust has requested the undersigned Trustee to do, I will on the 8th day of August, 2002, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between 11:00 a.m. o'clock and 4:00 p.m. o'clock at the Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 14 & 15, Deer Park Subdivision, Phase III, as per map or plat on file in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office, Plat Book 8, Pages 37-41. These lots are subject to a 15 foot utility easement along the Southern margin of the properties as shown on the plat. I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 15th day of July, 2002. A.D.

CHARLENE ROBERTS
07/18/02, 07/25/02, 08/01/02, 08/08/02

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

**\$3,000,000
TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION
PORT BONDS
SERIES 2002**

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi (the "Board") at the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, until the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of August, 2002, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read, for the purchase in its entirety, at not less than par and accrued interest to the date of delivery thereof, of an issue of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) principal amount Taxable General Obligation Port Bonds, Series 2002, of the County of Hancock, Mississippi. The Bonds will be dated August 1, 2002, will be delivered in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each, or integral multiples thereof, up to the amount of a single maturity, will be numbered from one upward, will be issued in fully registered form, and will bear interest from the date thereof at the rate or rates offered by the successful bidder in its bid, payable on February 1 and August 1 in each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing August 1, 2003. The Bonds will mature serially on August 1 in each year and in the principal amounts as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2003	\$225,000
2004	240,000
2005	255,000
2006	270,000
2007	285,000
2008	300,000
2009	325,000
2010	345,000
2011	365,000
2012	385,000

Bonds maturing on August 1, 2008, and thereafter, are subject to redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity, either in whole or in part, in inverse order of maturity and by lot within a maturity on August 1, 2007, or on any interest Payment Date thereafter, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The County will appoint the Paying and Transfer Agent for the Bonds after receiving the recommendation of the successful bidder subject to the following conditions. The Paying and Transfer Agent shall be a bank or trust company located within the State of Mississippi. The Paying Agent and/or Transfer Agent shall be subject to change by order of the Governing Body under the conditions and in the manner provided in the Bond Resolution under which the Bonds are issued. The successful bidder must deliver to the Transfer Agent within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, or at such other later date as may be designated by the County, the names and addresses of the Registered Owners of the Bonds and the denominations in which the Bonds of each maturity are to be issued. If the successful bidder fails to submit such information to the Transfer Agent by the required time, one bond may be issued for each maturity in the full amount maturing on that date registered in this name of the successful bidder.

Both principal and interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed on the Interest Payment Date to Registered Owners of the Bonds as of the 15th day of the month preceding the maturity date for such principal or interest payment at the addresses appearing in the registration records of the County maintained by the Transfer Agent. Payment of principal at maturity shall be conditioned on the presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal office of the Transfer Agent.

The Bonds will be transferable only upon the records of the County maintained by the Transfer Agent.

The Bonds shall not bear a greater overall maximum interest rate to maturity than eleven percent (11%) per annum, and shall mature in the amounts and on the dates hereinabove set forth; no Bond shall bear more than one (1) rate of interest; each Bond shall bear interest from its date to its stated maturity date at the interest rate or rates specified in the bid; all Bonds of the same maturity shall bear the same rate of interest from date to maturity. The lowest interest rate specified shall not be less than seventy percent (70%) of the highest interest rate specified; and the interest rate specified must be an even multiple of one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) or one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) and a zero rate cannot be named. The interest rate for any one maturity shall not exceed eleven percent (11%) per annum.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds for the real property acquisition for industrial purposes, improvement and upgrades to rail lines, road construction, improvements, and overlay Port Bienville and Stennis International Airport, and improvements of port terminals at Port Bienville and water and sewer improvements at Port Bienville and/or Stennis International Airport.

The Bonds will be general obligations of the County payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon the taxable property within the geographical limits of the County, provided, however, that such tax levy for any year shall be abated pro tanto to the extent the County on or prior to September 1 of that year has transferred money to the 2002 Bond Fund of the Bonds to be applied toward the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds due during the ensuing fiscal year of the County, in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The County, when necessary, will levy annually a special tax upon all taxable property within the geographical limits of the County adequate and sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same falls due.

Proposals should be addressed to the Board of Supervisors and should be plainly marked "Proposal for Taxable General Obligation Port Bonds, Series 2002, of Hancock County, Mississippi," and should be filed with the Clerk of the County on or prior to the date and hour hereinabove named.

Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or exchange, issued or certified by a bank located in the State of Mississippi, payable to Hancock County, Mississippi, in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) as a guaranty that the bidder will carry out its contract and purchase the Bonds if its bid is accepted. If the successful bidder fails to purchase the Bonds pursuant to its bid and contract, then the amount of such good faith check shall be retained by the County as liquidated damages for the state failure. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the good faith deposit. All checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately on or after the date of the Bonds. All proposals shall remain firm for three hours after the time specified for the opening of proposals and an award of the Bonds, or rejection of proposals, will be made by the County within said period of time.

The award, if any, will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest net interest cost to the County. The net interest cost will be determined by computing the aggregate interest on the Bonds over the life of the issue at the rate or rates of interest specified by the bidder, less premium offered, if any. It is requested that the proposal be accompanied by a statement of the net interest cost (computed to six decimal places), but such statement will not be considered a part of the proposal.

The Governing Body reserves the right to reject the obligation of the purchaser to purchase and pay for the Bonds is conditioned on the following: (1) the approving legal opinion of Butler, Show, O'Mara, Stevens & Cammisa, PLLC, the County Counsel, (2) to the effect that the Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the County payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the County, provided, however, that such tax levy for any year shall be abated pro tanto to the extent the County on or prior to September 1 of that year has transferred money to the 2002 Bond Fund of the Bonds to be applied toward the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds

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due during the ensuing fiscal year of the County in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution, and (3) to the effect that the interest on the Bonds is not exempt from Federal income taxes and is exempt from Mississippi income taxes under existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions; and (2) the delivery of certificates in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, including a statement of the County, dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened relating to the issuance sale and delivery of the Bonds. A copy of said approving legal opinion will appear on or accompany the Bonds. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds unless specifically declined by the purchaser, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the County. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser. The Preliminary Official Statement, dated July 24, 2002, has been "deemed final" as of such date of the County with permitted omissions, subject to change without notice and to completion or modification in a final Official Statement (the "Official Statement"). The County will make available to the successful bidder a reasonable number of Official Statements within seven (7) business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays) of the award of the Bonds. The successful bidder shall conform to the requirements of Securities Exchange Act 15c2-12 (SEC Rule 15c2-12), including an obligation to update the Official Statement and shall bear all costs relating thereto. During the period from the delivery of the Official Statement to and including the date which is twenty-five (25) days following the end of the underwriting period for the Bonds (as described below) the County shall notify the successful bidder if any event of which it has knowledge shall occur which might or would cause the Official Statement, as then supplemented or amended, to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The successful bidder shall file the Official Statement with a nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("a Repository") at the earliest practicable date after the date of delivery of the Bonds. The end of the underwriting period shall mean the earlier of (a) the date of the Closing unless the County has been notified in writing to the contrary by the Representative of the successful bidder on or prior to such date, or (b) the date on which the "end of the underwriting period" for the Bonds has occurred under SEC Rule 15c2-12. The successful bidder shall notify the County of the date which is the "end of the underwriting period" within the meaning of the SEC Rule 15c2-12.

THE BONDS ARE NOT BEING OFFERED AS TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MEANING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AND INTEREST EARNED ON THE BONDS IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURSUANT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986. UNDER EXISTING LAW, INTEREST ON THE BONDS IS EXEMPT FROM PRESENT TAXES IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EXCEPT FOR INHERITANCE, ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES.

The County has covenanted in its Bond Resolution that under SEC Rule 15c2-12, the County will deliver or cause to be delivered annually, commencing with the fiscal year of the County ending after September 30, 2002, to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12, and certain other entities described in SEC Rule 15c2-12 (said repositories and other entities are collectively referred to as the "Repositories"), (i) annual financial information required by SEC Rule 15c2-12, including audited financial statements of the County and (ii) notice of certain events, if any, relating to the Bonds and the County, if the County deems such events to be material, as set forth in SEC Rule 15c2-12. Any one requesting information under the continuing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12 should contact the Chancery Clerk, Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Telephone Number: (228) 487-5404. For additional information concerning the sale and issuance of the Bonds, please contact the Chancery Clerk of the County. By order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, on July 24, 2002.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
07/25/02, 08/01/02

Commercial red snapper season opens August 1
Commercial fishing season for red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) opens in Mississippi marine territorial waters on Aug. 1, 2002 at noon.

The season will close Aug. 7, 2002 at noon. The commercial fishing season for red snapper was previously announced closed as of July 7, 2002, at noon based on the National Marine Fisheries Service's projection that the spring quota would be reached as of July 7, 2002.

Because of severe weather in the Gulf of Mexico and the Fourth of July holiday, the quota was not reached.

The opening of commercial red snapper season in Mississippi marine territorial waters coincides with the opening of red snapper season in federal waters.

The opening of the commercial red snapper season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 (Annotated) and Order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (Dec. 5, 1995).

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

Emergency meeting scheduled for all former and current Hancock County Food Pantry volunteers
The Hancock County Food Pantry is looking for a new volunteer manager to coordinate its efforts. The group is calling all previous and current volunteers to a meeting at Virginia Hall at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, this Thursday at 1 p.m.

Spice it up: Summer means citrus

With summer upon us, now is the time to start thinking about citrus fruits. There are grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, limes, tangerines and the ever-popular orange. With all of these citrus fruits to choose from, I urge you to spice up your life and try at least one of them this summer.

Citrus fruits are characterized by thick rinds, with most of them containing the bitter white pith, or albedo, with a thin exterior layer of colored skin known as the zest. Their flesh is segmented and juicy.

Citrus fruits grow on trees and shrubs in tropical and subtropical climates worldwide. All citrus fruits are fully ripened on the tree and will not ripen further after harvesting. They should be refrigerated for the longest storage.

When purchasing citrus fruits, select fruits that feel heavy and have thin, smooth skins. Avoid fruit with large blemishes or moist spots.

One particular citrus fruit has some interesting tidbits to share. The grapefruit we know today is an 18th Century hybrid of the orange and the pummelo.

The white-fleshed and the pink or ruby-fleshed grapefruits are the most widely available grapefruits. White grapefruits produce the finest juice, while pink grapefruits tend to be sweeter.

The kumquat is a very small, oval shaped orange-colored citrus fruit with a soft, sweet skin and slightly bitter flesh. Kumquats may be eaten whole, either fresh or preserved, but are primarily found in jams and preserves.

Lemons are the most commonly used citrus fruit. Their strongly acidic flavor makes them unpleasant for most people to eat raw, but are perfect for flavoring desserts and confections.

Lemon juice is widely used in sauces - especially for fish, shellfish or poultry. Lemon and lime zest can be candied or used as a garnish.

The lime is another common citrus fruit. Like the lemon, limes are too tart to eat raw, but they are often used as a substitute for lemons in prepared dishes.

They are favored ingredients in cocktails, curries or desserts, and are available all year, with the peak season during the summer.

These are just a few of the many citrus fruits available. Try the following the recipes and add a little citrus to your summer.

Key Lime Chicken
1 cup key lime juice
2/3 cup water
2 tsp. honey
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. dried rosemary or thyme

2 Tbsp. canola oil
1 clove garlic, chopped
4 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Process all ingredients, except the chicken, in a blender or food processor. Marinate the chicken in the mixture and leave in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Then bake, roast or grill chicken,

basting with the marinade several times, until done.

Curried Grapefruit
2 Tbsp. butter
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
2 tsp. curry powder
1/4 tsp. hot sauce
1/3 cup grapefruit juice
4 grapefruits, peeled, membranes removed and sectioned

Melt butter. Stir in sugar, curry, hot sauce and juice. Heat, whisking constantly. Stir in grapefruit; heat through. Serve with grilled roast lamb or pork.

Kumquat Relish
1/2 qt. ripe, juicy kumquats, washed, halved,

seeded and run through food processor with a medium blade
3/4 lb. sugar
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped pecans or English walnuts
1/2 cup lime juice
1/2 qt. chopped celery
3/4 cup chopped onions
1 cup chopped sweet red peppers
1 cup chopped sweet green peppers
1 stick cinnamon, 2 small pieces of gingerroot tied in cheesecloth

Add the sugar to the kumquats, and let stand for two hours. Cook slowly, stirring frequently, for 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients. Cook slowly, stirring often,

until thick and clear. Cool, then cover and refrigerate. Serve with ham, pork, or poultry.

(Chef Pam Lewis is lead instructor of USM Gulf Coast Culinary Arts Academy. For information on the USMGC Culinary Arts Academy call (228) 214-3240.

For recipe/story requests, culinary questions or comments, e-mail Chef Pam at pamela.lewis@usm.edu or write to her at: Chef Pam Lewis, Culinary Arts Academy, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.)

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